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Defending Liberty Regardless of the Cost

"If liberty means anything at all," British author George Orwell once observed, "it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear." In broader terms, not only saying but also doing things and supporting causes that, owing to general depravity, have become unpopular is the very essence of freedom. Liberty has never spread by spontaneous combustion; instead, it owes its popularity today to the fearless efforts of those down through the ages who have been willing to stoke the flames of freedom regardless of personal cost. Such disruptive souls have always incurred the wrath of whatever establishment seeks to defend the status quo, and have often paid dearly for their intransigence.

This issue of *The New American* features two such individuals, separated by a wide gulf of space and time, yet whose tireless and obstreperous support of liberty have earned them the enmity of the powers that be.

The first of these is Algernon Sidney, an Englishman of the 17th century whose lot it was to behold England's fitful efforts to throw off the yoke of monarchy during that turbulent period. Sidney not only witnessed the overthrow and execution of Charles I and the short-lived, chaotic republic that followed, but also saw the restoration of the monarchy and subsequent efforts to reconstitute the old absolutism once upheld by Tudors and Plantagenets. Incapable of suppressing his passion for individual liberty, Sidney challenged court apologists such as Sir Robert Filmer, who defended the monarchy as a divinely sanctioned institution, and attacked aristocrats eager to restore the old power structures. For his contumacy, Sidney paid the ultimate price, having first to flee his country and then, upon his return, to suffer the ignominy of arrest, imprisonment, a show trial, and finally, death by decapitation as an enemy of the regime. Marginalized and ultimately destroyed by the powers of his day, Sidney's posthumous triumph was evident not only in the overthrow of the last absolutist British monarch in the Glorious Revolution five years after his death, but also in the creation of the United States of America less than a century later. All of the American Founders revered Sidney and his *Discourses Concerning Government*, and regarded him as perhaps history's foremost martyr for liberty, an exemplar of the degree of courage and civic virtue necessary for the cause of freedom to win out.

While our era may not yet have produced a Sidney, we are fortunate to have a scattering of public figures just as fearless in the cause of liberty — and just as adept at drawing the wrath and persecution of the establishment. One such is Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), who during her first two terms in Congress has already rocketed to the top of the Washington establishment's enemy list. Utterly unafraid to offend the scheming Deep Staters on Capitol Hill and in the establishment media, Greene has shaken Washington to the core by successfully pushing for the first-ever impeachment of a sitting Cabinet official; indeed, our interview was granted immediately before the congresswoman went to vote for the second time to impeach DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, a vote that succeeded despite the united opposition of Democrats and the vacillation of a few of her Republican colleagues. Greene was also among the very first to call for the impeachment of President Joe Biden, and has been unswayed by false media narratives on Covid, the 2020 election, and January 6. She has been one of Donald Trump's staunchest defenders, and has not shied away from exposing the venality and corruption of the D.C. establishment with a frankness that enrages radical-left Democrats and makes some of her wishy-washy GOP colleagues queasy. For her perceived intransigence, she was even voted out of the Freedom Caucus, where, as it turns out, etiquette still trumps principle.

Both Sidney and Greene are reminders that partisans of liberty must have the courage of their convictions. We hope our readers will heed their words — and follow their example.

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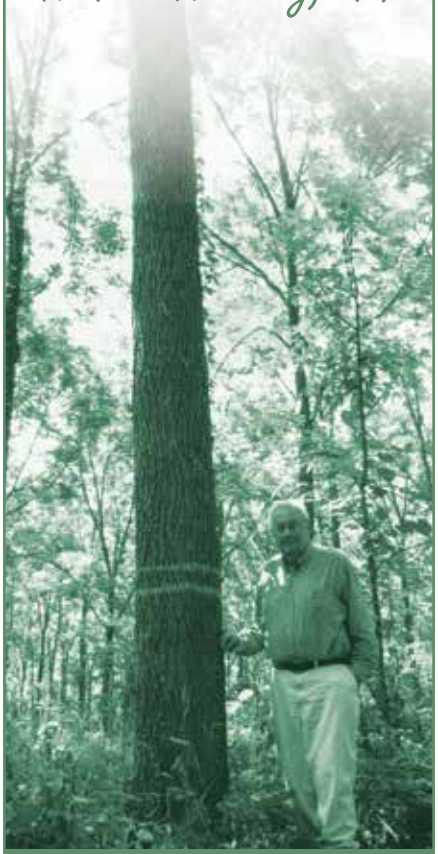

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Fighting Climate Change by Dumping Chemicals in the Ocean?

Daily Caller reported on February 14 that scientists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) in Massachusetts are planning an experiment in which they will dump approximately 6,000 gallons of sodium hydroxide — a common ingredient in soaps, cleansers, and chemical pipe cleaners — into the waters off of Martha's Vineyard to ascertain whether artificial alkalinity enhancement of oceans can help address so-called climate change.

"Ocean alkalinity enhancement (OAE) leverages a natural process to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by adding an alkaline solution to the sea surface," says WHOI's website. "The ocean's pH (level of acidity/alkalinity) governs its ability to take up the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide from the atmosphere."

The experimental process is not considered a solution to the scourge of climate change, but a supplemental strategy, possibly giving the world more time to get off of fossil fuels in favor of energy sources such as wind and solar.

"While emission reductions are key to minimizing human impact on Earth's climate … drastic emission reductions must be supplemented by efforts to actively remove existing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere in order to meet internationally accepted targets outlined in the Paris Climate Agreement and reaffirmed at the conclusion of the COP28 UN climate conference in Dubai," WHOI's website declares.

The scientists released 250 gallons of Rhodamine WT, a fluorescent dye, into the same waters off of Martha's Vineyard last August to see if the treated waters could be reasonably tracked. The next phase of the experiment will see the sodium hydroxide used, along with more Rhodamine WT, with a larger test tentatively scheduled for the Gulf of Maine in 2025.

The project is funded in part by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and in part by private sources. The Environmental Protection Agency still needs to sign off on it.

The use of geoengineering as a means to address a climate crisis that doesn't truly exist seems to be a dangerous and unnecessary risk to the planet.

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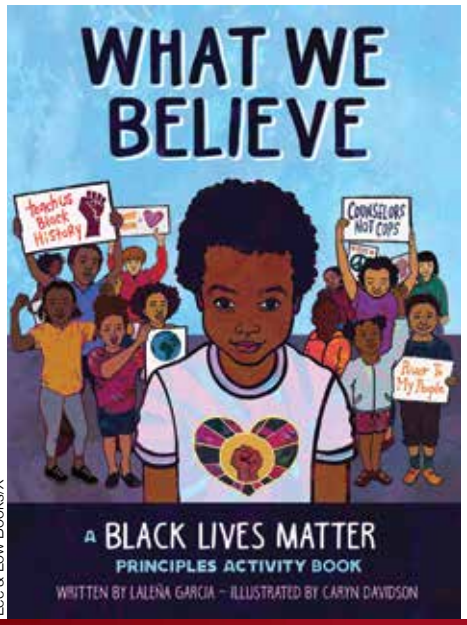
Elementary School Used BLM Coloring Book for Black History Month

A New York City elementary school recently had students complete a coloring book teaching them the communist principles and agenda of Black Lives Matter (BLM). According to news website The Free Press on February 23, Brooklyn's PS 321 "supplied students with the coloring book, *What We Believe*, as part of a lesson for Black History Month. The book uses drawings and worksheets to promote the 13 tenets of the Black Lives Matter movement."

Among the progressive BLM talking points taught by *What We Believe* are "Diversity," "Restorative Justice," "Globalism," "Black Families," "Black Women," "Black Villages," and "Empathy" — the last being defined as "engaging comrades with the intent to learn about and connect with their contexts."

According to The Free Press, "One parent of a PS 321 fourth grader, whose grandparents fled Communist China before moving to the U.S., said she and her husband were 'shocked' that the book used the word comrade. 'Using the word comrades comes from Communist times….' She said she first discovered the coloring book … when a snow day forced her daughter to learn from home. 'This is classwork, not homework…. If it weren't for the snow, we wouldn't have known.'"



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Three of the BLM principles in *What We Believe* concern LGBT matters. "Collective Value" calls for "valuing all Black lives, regardless of actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, [or] gender expression." Then there are the tenets of being "Queer Affirming" and "Transgender Affirming," the latter of which seeks to "dismantle cis-gender privilege."

Additionally, the lesson on being "Transgender Affirming" had students "read the book When Aidan Became a Brother about a girl who transitions to a boy, and then answer questions on a worksheet like, 'How do you feel when someone tells you what you can or can't do based on your gender?'" wrote The Free Press.

Students at PS 321 learned little about black history, but teaching black history was never the point. Instead, the goal is to teach children how to overthrow the patriarchy, destroy the nuclear family, and change genders.

Syrians Cross Border Wearing Pricey Tactical Gear

On February 21, news website National File reported on young Syrian men encountered illegally crossing the southern border wearing and carrying expensive tactical clothing and gear.

At least some of the Syrians' gear was made by 5.11 Tactical, which warns customers to "always be ready" and whose YouTube channel features a martial video of the same name that features cops and firefighters. The prices at 5.11 Tactical raise the question of how Syrians with apparently no jobs and no money could afford them.

Military-age nationals from hostile countries are crossing the border by the thousands. In detailing nationwide border encounters with illegals, U.S. Customs and Border Protection does not provide a separate category for Syrians, but includes them in its "Other" group. Illegals in "Other" number 113,640 since October 1, the beginning of fiscal 2024; 72,807 landed at the southwest border, and 66,759 of those were caught by the Border Patrol entering illegally. Last year's total was just shy of 300,000 nationwide.

Most worrisome, though, is that 93,197 of those illegals, or 80 percent, are single adults and mostly likely young men. Last year, that total was 236,148, about 79 percent.

Additionally, agents have encountered 30,000 Chinese nationals at the border since October 1, and so far in fiscal 2024, 86,139 Cubans have landed at the border (last year the figure was 200,287); the majority both years were single adults. More than 10,000 Russians have already shown up this fiscal year, with almost 60,000 entering last year. Again, the majority were single adults.

Former FBI intelligence and counterterrorism officials are greatly concerned about what is rightly called an invasion. "It would be difficult to overstate the danger represented by the presence inside our borders of what is comparatively a multi-division army of young single adult males from hostile nations and regions whose background, intent, or allegiance is completely unknown," the officials wrote in a January letter to congressmen.

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Russia Remarks on Favorite in Race for White House

On February 20, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that Russia is interested in policies, not personalities, and does not think the United States intends to change its hostile stance toward Russia regardless of who wins the November presidential election.

As noted by Russian media outlet RT (formerly Russia Today) on February 21, "[Lavrov] was asked [in an interview] whether Moscow preferred a return of Donald Trump to the White House [in 2024] over President Joe Biden staying in office. The interviewer from [Brazilian] Globo media group cited opinions that a new Trump presidency would make it easier to end the Ukraine conflict. 'The ruling elites in the US consider Russia an enemy and a threat regardless of their political affiliation,' Lavrov said. While Biden 'did nothing' in four years to boost relations with Russia, 'we do not delude ourselves into expecting the anti-Russian course of the US to change anytime soon,' the minister added."

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However, on February 14, RT had quoted Russian President Vladimir Putin as saying that he hoped Joe Biden would win the election. When asked by a journalist which presidential candidate would be better for Russia, Biden or Trump, Putin answered, "Biden. He is a more experienced and predictable person, he is a politician of the old sort. But we will work with any leader who gets the confidence of the American people."

When asked about Biden's cognitive decline, Putin said he didn't notice it when he met with Biden in Switzerland three years ago. "So what if he whacked his head coming out of a helicopter? Who among us hasn't hit his head on a helicopter, let him cast the first stone…. I am not a doctor."

As did Lavrov, though, Putin emphasized that "the only thing that matters to Moscow is Washington's policy, which he described as 'harmful and mistaken.'"

Rumors over which presidential candidate is a "favorite" of Moscow have been part of U.S. electoral cycles for decades, and this year's race is no different. ■

WHAT THEY SAID

1 *"I've spoken many times about my own family's refugee history. I will not join the chorus of people in this country or in this chamber who eagerly looked to slam shut an immigration door that was once open to our ancestors."* — Illinois' Democratic Governor **J.B. Pritzker** delivered his State of the State address in February, asking the Legislature to approve $182 million to help address Chicago's illegal-alien crisis.

2 *"These are 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-year-old kids. They buy them for sex. Almost all the time, they get off on probation after buying a child and raping a little child. And we tried to say, well, they need to at least serve a minimum of 4 years. Democrats voted 100 percent that they did not want to put these pedophiles in jail."* — Colorado state Representative **Scott Bottoms**, a Republican, aired his discouragement on social media in February after committee Democrats killed House Bill 1092, which would have mandated minimum sentencing for pedophiles. Bottoms ended with a plea for help. *"If you believe in prayer at all, please pray. We are fighting truly dark forces here."* He also asked for experts to step forward to testify.

3 A "citizen journalist" for O'Keefe Media Group recorded a conversation with IRS criminal investigations officer **Alex Mena**.

Reporter: *"So, A.I. [artificial intelligence] has access to, like, everybody's bank account?"*
Mena: *"They see the amount in your bank account, yes."*
Reporter: *"Is it constitutional to do that?"*
Mena: *"I doubt it. [laughs] They have no problem, like, going after the small people, you know, putting people in prison. Like, destroying people's lives. They have no problem doing that."*
Reporter: *"You would think that you would, like, have to have, like, evidence, right?"*
Mena: *"No, not with the IRS. They can audit, like, whoever they want."*
He went on to say that the AI used to monitor private citizens is controlled by *"the Department of Justice and the Inspector General."*

4 The **Alabama Supreme Court** ruled in February that frozen embryos are children under state law, and that anyone who destroys them, willfully or accidentally, is liable under the state's 1872 Wrongful Death of a Minor Act. Citing the Alabama Constitution among other legal precedent, the concurring justices wrote, *"All human beings bear God's image from the moment of conception…. Human life cannot be wrongfully destroyed without incurring the wrath of a holy God, who views the destruction of His image as an affront to Himself…. Even before birth, all human beings bear the image of God, and their lives cannot be destroyed without effacing his glory."*

5 New York Attorney General **Letitia James** has been investigating former president Donald Trump since she was sworn in to office in 2019. Now that she has successfully prosecuted him for fraud, a compilation video is circulating on social media exposing her proving the object of her political malice correct:

"He's called me venomous…
"We will fight back to your attempt to bring Trumpism to New York City!
"He's called me disgraceful…
"This is a result of the fact that they stole the Supreme Court seats — an illegitimate president and an illegitimate member of the United States Supreme Court.
"He has called me radical…
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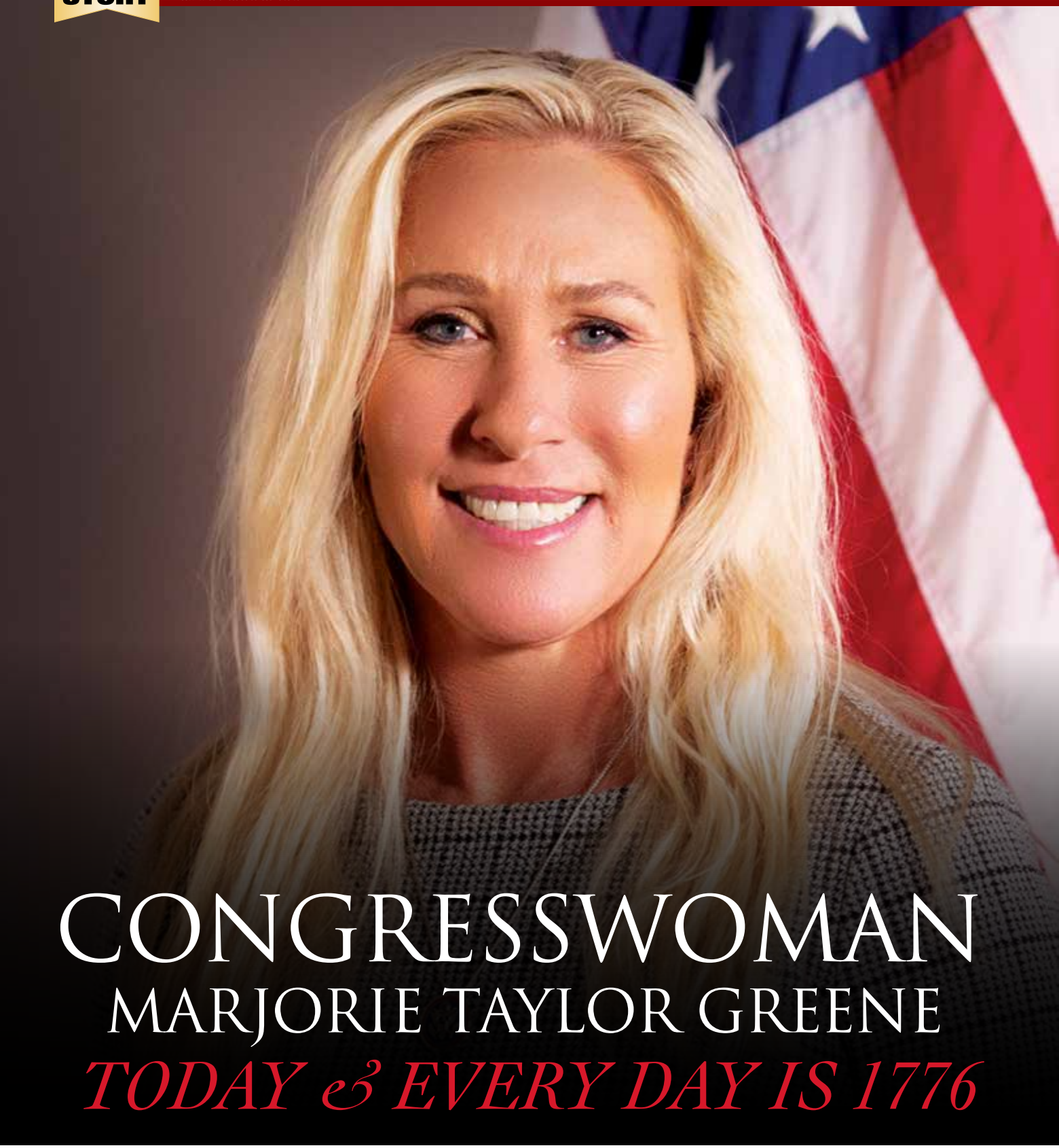

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Interview by Veronika Kyrylenko

A new cadre of America-first politicians is fighting to restore the American Republic by shrinking the size of the federal government, defying globalism, and canceling spending for foreign wars. Among them is Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), who was first elected to Congress in 2020 and then reelected in 2022. Since her 2020 campaign — and continuing to the present — she has been routinely attacked and maligned by the major media, and her name has become well known throughout the country among both admirers and foes.

But what is Greene really like? For starters, she is a constitutionalist who believes in "America First." In *The New American's* Freedom Index, which rates every member of Congress based on adherence to the Constitution, she has earned an impressive 97-percent lifetime score, one of the best in Congress. In our last Index, published in our January 15 issue, she earned a perfect score of 100 percent.

The New American senior editor Veronika Kyrylenko interviewed Representative Greene in her congressional office on February 13. An abridged version of their discussion follows. The full interview is available on video online at TheNewAmerican.com.

The New American: I would like to get your reaction to the Senate passing a $95.3 billion emergency spending package addressed to Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan. How do you feel about it? Have you heard from House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) if he'd be putting it up for a vote?

Marjorie Taylor Greene (MTG): I'm 100 percent against it, and I can speak on behalf of the American people. Our border has been ripped wide open by the Biden administration. We've had 10 million people come across our border since Joe Biden took office in January 2021. We've got two million gotaways. These are people from over 160 countries. We don't know who they are. We don't know where they are. And we don't know what they're planning to do in America. But we do know that among them are terrorists, and we don't know what's going to happen. I think the American people feel this way, and I feel this way. This government has put the American people $34 trillion in debt. They are doing nothing to secure our border. But yet they fought all weekend, held the senators throughout the Super Bowl, and stayed up until 5:00 a.m. debating and fighting in order to make sure that they could send 95 billion of Americans' hard-earned tax dollars to fund the war in Ukraine, the war in Israel, and a future war between Taiwan and China. It's America Last. I'm absolutely against it. And I say, shame on all the Republicans and Democrats that have forgotten their oath, forgotten the people that they swore their oath to, and really could care less about how hard Americans worked to earn their money.

"We've had 10 million people come across our border since Joe Biden took office in January 2021. We've got two million gotaways. These are people from over 160 countries. We don't know who they are. We don't know where they are."

TNA: It's up to the House to decide on this bill right now. How do you envision its fate?

MTG: Well, that's the problem. There's a major divide. Washington, D.C., is really like a foreign country. It doesn't represent the interests of the American people. We don't know yet because the Senate just passed it. I put it out on my social media, saying it's dead on arrival in the House. Our "conservative" speaker, Mike Johnson, should not be bringing this bill to the floor. He should be telling the Senate to go back to the drawing board and figure out how to pass H.R. 2, the best, strongest border-security bill that's ever been introduced in congressional history. That's the bill that should be passed. Another thing we should be doing is passing funding to rebuild our United States military supplies that have been depleted so badly by just handing all these weapons over to Ukraine and to these other foreign countries. So, we should be rebuilding our military. That's what we should be talking about. But as far as I'm concerned, it's dead on

Veronika Kyrylenko with Marjorie Taylor Greene

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arrival. What I have heard is that they may separate the three. They may separate [the funding for] Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan and try to put those under suspension and pass them, and I'm going to tell you right now that the base is going to be furious if that happens.

TNA: Two years ago, when the war started in Ukraine, there were just a handful of representatives, you included, who opposed war funding. Do you see these attitudes changing in the House right now? Do you hear more of your colleagues saying, "It's wrong to send so much money to foreign countries to fund their wars"?

MTG: Yes. When it started back in 2022, I was literally one of a few. And I was very vocal about it. And, of course, we have extreme sympathy for any country being attacked. Of course, we have sympathy for the people of Ukraine. But it doesn't mean that we should fund the war. Ukraine is not a member nation of NATO. Yet here's America, sending billions and billions of dollars. $113 billion. And now they want to send $60 billion more. The truth about the war in Ukraine is that it's really just a killing field. It's destroying an entire generation of men — Ukrainian men — and I'm sure Russian soldiers are being sent to die there, too. It's really horrible. And what should be happening is peace talks, and it should be between Russia and Ukraine, not everyone else. Let them work out their dispute. Let them find peace between the two of them. That's what I'm for.

That's how it started. But it has changed. And it changed because the American people agreed with my voice and agreed with a few others of us that were willing to stand up and say, enough of the United States funding foreign wars. Enough of this. We need to work on our own problems and issues. And guess what happened? Phone calls, social-media posts, emails, and constituents showing up and talking to their representatives. That's how it works. And they showed up and started putting pressure on my Republican colleagues, asking, "Why did you vote to fund the war?"

TNA: There's a whole new cadre of politicians [such as you and Donald Trump] who have actually decided to put America first. There is an opinion that you and other America First politicians are an embodiment of the people's acute demand for no-nonsense constitutional policies that would oppose globalism and other forms of socialism that are proliferating in America right now and that are so deeply antithetical to our founding principles. Do you agree with it?

MTG: I think that's correct. I think there's been a major change since Donald Trump stood on the debate stage among 17 other presidential candidates. He stood out to me, but he also stood out to many other Americans. We saw a regular American businessman. Of course, he's a billionaire. He's extremely successful. But he talked like a normal American. He didn't sound like the other polished politicians on the stage. And I think that opened the door. And then watching President Trump be completely attacked here in Washington by the mainstream media, who lied about him relentlessly — the Russia hoax, impeachment number one, etc. — we, as Americans, really started paying attention, and that opened a lot of people's eyes.

For me, it was when Paul Ryan was speaker of the House and they passed a $1.3 trillion omnibus bill, and it was a Republican-controlled House, a Republican-controlled Senate, and we had Donald Trump in the White House. It was the ultimate opportunity for Republicans to really change things. And it was the ultimate time for them to pass the agenda that we all voted for, that they promised us on the campaign trail, that we all supported behind Donald Trump, and that we wanted, but they failed us completely. That bill didn't fund the wall. It did not do anything to stop abortion. As a matter of fact, they funded Planned Parenthood for $500 million. They did none of the agenda items we wanted. And that was what made me decide to run for Congress.

But I think it's those types of issues that have brought other candidates out.... They've seen me be successful, and they probably look at me and say, hey, if she can win an election, if she can get in there and fight for the things we care about, maybe I can, too. And I've seen a lot of other candidates run for office. We need them here. We need many more America First candidates to win their races. And it's not going to be a quick fix.

TNA: Since 2016, the MAGA movement

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Funding foreign wars: Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) meets with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Kiev. The United States has sent many tens of billions of dollars to Ukraine, along with military hardware, to aid Kiev in its war with Russia. This has only prolonged the conflict and led to more death.

has had some major electoral setbacks on the national level. What are the major challenges that we're facing? What are the strategies to regain momentum and ensure future electoral successes?

MTG: We need to care about our elections. Elections have to be fair. Elections shouldn't be run with days and days of absentee ballots that can be dropped off at any box on the sidewalk. We should only have citizens voting. It shouldn't be filled with illegals able to vote in our elections. It shouldn't be run by machines. It's not difficult to do paper ballots. And I watched that happen in the Iowa caucus. I was pretty amazed. In a matter of a few hours, the state votes on paper ballots with a pen and pencil, and they hand-count them and get results. They do it all with transparency in front of the people who just voted on these paper ballots.

Republicans have to fight harder to make sure that we get our districts. But that comes down to the census. We have to stop counting illegal aliens in our census, and when we actually count American citizens, then we can draw our districts correctly in our country, and we'll have better maps representing Americans. So there are many factors involved in this. And that's why I say it's going to take a lot of years to fix these problems. But here's the thing: It's up to Americans to fix it. And for many years, Americans were lazy and totally ignored the people that we voted into office.

TNA: What's your take on special counsel Robert Hur, who just decided that Joe Biden is unable to stand criminal trial over his mishandling of classified documents? Hur said that the president is "an elderly man with poor memory." What's your reaction to such a lenient decision and the justification that he provided for it?

MTG: I think [what] shocked America and brought the issue up to the forefront that no one could ignore anymore was the fact that we have one special counsel, Jack Smith, prosecuting President Trump to the highest level of the law because of his handling of classified documents. And President Trump did nothing wrong. But yet, on the other hand, we have the current president of the United States, who has documents spread all over the country. But yet, the special counsel decides, with prosecutorial discretion, not to prosecute him. And it wasn't because he hadn't done anything wrong. It was because his memory is so bad. That rocked America, and they can't hide it anymore. It's what we've known all along. It's what Americans know every time they see him on camera. It's the whole reason why his administration, his staff, and his campaign try to stop him from doing press conferences or being out in front of the camera. We want Robert Hur to come before us and testify. We have a lot of questions for him, and we think that it's a big problem. If [Biden] can't stand trial in front of a jury, then he cannot serve as president of the United States.

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Asleep at the wheel: President Biden's failing mental capacity is getting harder and harder to ignore. That the Biden administration is being run by staffers and Cabinet officials is obvious, and many people are calling for the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Biden from office.

TNA: Who's really running the country, then?

MTG: His staff. Many of them are former Obama administration officials. And it's clearly not Joe Biden. Joe Biden doesn't know the difference between Egypt and Mexico at this point. So, it's a crisis. I think it's a constitutional crisis. I think it's a national security crisis. It puts all of us in a dangerous situation. And the Democratic Party as a whole needs to face up to it. They need to face up to the fact that the Cabinet is responsible to invoke the 25th Amendment, and remove Joe Biden from the presidency, and install the vice president. That really would be the responsible thing to do if they cared about the country. But they don't care about the country. They only care about politics, and they only care about maintaining power.

TNA: Lately, the political atmosphere feels more charged than usual. There is lots of troubling talk about potential political unrest, violence, and, in some extreme narratives, the possibility of civil war. Just one year ago, seemingly reacting to the extreme polarization in America, you tweeted that we needed a national divorce of red states and blue states. To my knowledge, you never addressed the practical implementation and legal mechanisms of separating states.

MTG: Much of that's already there. It can be easily done. Of course, I am completely against a civil war. I don't have any interest in a civil war in America. I think that's the last thing we should be doing. The only war we should be fighting is stopping people from invading our country every single day. If we're going to go to war, we should have our military at our southern border because the cartels control many of our border sectors. That was told us by our own Border Patrol chief. So I just wanted to make that statement about war. But the mechanisms are there to have states have their rights and to shrink the federal government down. And that's what should happen. The federal govern-

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Nullification at work: Texas Governor Greg Abbott (seated, signing bills) has put immigration enforcement into the state's own hands, setting up border barriers and arresting illegal migrants, ignoring federal orders to the contrary. Texas' actions set an example for other states to follow.

ment has us, all of us, $34 trillion in debt. I haven't proposed any legislation for a so-called national divorce or separating red states from blue states. But you definitely see that this is the trend that we're drifting towards. But I don't think the country is really ready for that yet.

TNA: The Constitution provides two paths. One is the nullification of unconstitutional laws, regulations, and policies enacted by the federal government. In other words, all local officials take an oath to uphold the Constitution. They can say, "We decide not to go along with the unconstitutional usurpations of the federal government." The other path is secession, when a state actually leaves the union and is therefore no longer under the Constitution. Which path do you advocate? Or do you envision a third way?

MTG: I haven't actually gone down either path yet, and I think that's something that each state has to decide. I'm very much for state rights, and I think that potentially this is where we're going. But at the same time, I'm very invested in reelecting President Trump and hopefully getting things right here in Washington. For me personally, I would love to have a red state where we don't have Democrats, like I said, shoving their woke policies, transitioning children, and all of these horrible things that they continue to shove down our throats. But I just don't think that our country's there yet. I think we got close with Texas with the argument between the federal government and the state of Texas. I think that's definitely a place where Texas has a strong movement called "Texit." That's a large group of people in Texas that would love to secede from the union or find a legal way to separate from being controlled by the federal government. But it brings into question many things, like how does your national defense compare to a state's own military or militia? That brings up many questions. So, again, I haven't gone down that avenue yet. I've merely said this is how people feel. People are fed up with it. If you want to have your communist state of California, you have it over there. Hollywood, stay out of Georgia. We have our own ideals and our own values, and they are nothing like yours.

TNA: What was your reaction to [Texas] Governor [Greg] Abbott's decision not to go along with a federal policy to take down their razor wire and [prevent Texas from protecting its] border?

MTG: I think he was doing a great job. I think everyone applauded him for taking that strong stand, and all the Republican governors across the country, I think, except one, have come out and supported him and backed Texas. And I think that's exactly what they should be doing. A strong coalition of Republican governors who are willing to stand up against federal government power and overreach is exactly what we need to see happen. So, I hope Governor Abbott continues to stand strong on that and for the protection and security of the state of Texas.

TNA: How do you respond to the assertion voiced by, among many other groups, the Libertarian Party that "it's not red versus blue, it's state versus you"? That is, the real political divisions are not among everyday Republicans or Democrats, but between the federal government and everyday Americans.

MTG: Yeah, it's definitely the case. It's where the federal government wants control, and people lose their independence. I definitely think that our problem is the growth of the federal government. It's like an overgrown monster that started out as a cute little puppy in your house. And then it ate all the food in your refrigerator and all the food in your pantry, chewed up all your furniture, went potty all over the house, and made a mess. And that's what the federal government is like now — an overgrown monster that is working every single day against each American citizen.

TNA: Your opponents would say that it was just a natural reaction to all the challenges and crises that we're facing. How would you explain in simple terms what the purpose of the government is and what specific areas or functions of the government need to be scaled back in order for them to adhere closer to the Constitution?

MTG: I think there are many departments of the government that we can completely strike out of the budget. That's what happens when you own a company, and when you build up too much overhead in your company and your company grows too big and you have too many employees and too many departments, then you stop actually producing revenue and you go into debt. And that's the same thing that's happened here in the federal government. Many of the problems you could say, some of them have had unintended consequences, such as trying to legislate against a problem. But it really created many problems — corruption, abuse of power, lining the pockets of their corporate donors, and lining the pockets of industries that are constantly running around our offices with their lobbyists.

I think the easiest way to solve the problem is to really reduce the size of the federal government, and that's literally firing thousands of federal employees and closing down entire departments because they don't serve what the [intended] purpose is. So, the purpose of the federal government is, number one, to protect the 50 United States with our military. We should be funding a military for the protection of the United States of America. Number two is to pass laws for the safety and security of all Americans, but also to protect the trade and business of our American companies. But our federal government has gotten so far away from all of those things. Look at the amount of foreign aid that our government gives to countries all over the world. It's basically a payoff to all these countries so that America can have a voice and step in and tell all these countries what they should do.

TNA: Can you talk of any significant efforts made by you and your colleagues on the Hill to get back to the limited government envisioned by our Founding Fathers?
MTG: We have made a lot of significant efforts. As a matter of fact, there are a lot of bills that I've introduced or co-sponsored to do things like pull out of the UN, stop funding all this foreign aid, stop funding foreign wars, and get rid of the Department of Education. These bills never get a floor vote.

TNA: Recently, you added your name to the list of co-sponsors of H.R. 6645, or the DEFUND Act of 2023, which would terminate our membership in the United Nations and all affiliated bodies. Please tell us about your motivation to support this legislation.
MTG: Oh, that one was a no-brainer. We need to get out of the UN. I've also co-sponsored legislation to defund the WHO [World Health Organization]. It makes sense. These are global entities that do not serve the interests of the United States and are oftentimes controlled by our enemies. As soon as I saw that bill, I said, "sign me up."

TNA: By our enemies, do you mean Communist China?
MTG: Yes, Communist China, who seems to control a lot of that, and the UN and WHO.

TNA: Yet, we seemed to be collaborating with Communist China in creating the SARS-CoV-2 virus that started the Covid pandemic. You sit on the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, one of whose goals is to investigate the pandemic origin. Would you comment on any significant progress that you've made so far?
MTG: Well, that has been the primary goal of the committee, to investigate the origin of Covid. But that stage has already passed. We all know where it came from. It came from a lab in China. We know that it was funded by our government. We know that it was funded through EcoHealth Alliance. This isn't a mystery to the American people. So, I've been pretty frustrated with the Covid committee because it stays focused on the origins of Covid when everybody already knows the origins of Covid. That's not the question. I think the committee should be working much harder on the outcome and the damage that Covid did, as well as the forced and mandated masking and vaccination of Americans, which is of bigger interest to me, and I think it's of bigger interest to the American people.

I held my own hearings on Covid vac-

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cines because there are many people who have been injured by Covid vaccines. The staggering number of reports on the various systems is something unbelievable to me, and it's shocking that everyone in Washington, D.C., wants to ignore people who have said that they have either suffered vaccine injuries themselves, a loved one died, or they had someone die after taking the vaccine.

TNA: You invited prominent scientists and physicians to testify. Can you please talk about the information that was the most surprising to you?

MTG: Those hearings were so compelling. Dr. [Robert] Malone was on the first panel of our witnesses, and he provided extensive answers and explanations about what Covid is and explained everything in detail about the creation of Covid mRNA vaccines. Our second panel was Dr. Peter McCullough, Dr. Ryan Cole, [and pediatric cardiologist Dr. Kirk Milhoan]. They went into detail. And here's what was amazing to me: They quoted peer-reviewed studies; they quoted statistics in every single answer they gave. And just before that hearing, we had the deposition with Dr. Anthony Fauci. He did not quote peer-reviewed studies. He did not quote any studies. He didn't quote the test results. He just talked and gave his own opinion and his own answers. [It was] such an extremely different avenue and way of thinking, where Dr. Fauci sounds like a narcissist and sounds like he's playing God and that we are all just mice in his basic medical lab, and we're like his test subjects, whereas these other doctors have been wonderful. We didn't have to subpoena them. They willingly came, paid for their own travel, and paid for everything to be here. Their answers were so much better than Dr. Fauci's.

The Covid vaccine is being forced on pregnant women, it's been forced on some people to keep their jobs. It's been forced on all our military members, and now it's on the CDC childhood vaccine schedule. What is going to happen in the future? And we have a responsibility to be open and honest about this and say we've got to look at this issue with fully open eyes and really know what is happening here, but no one's willing to do it.

TNA: Have you heard any responses or feedback to your hearings?

MTG: Oh, regular Americans were thrilled with those hearings, watched them, and shared them. We had millions of views, which shows that people care about it. People really care about this issue. It's also a campaign issue. This is something that if I hold a town hall, someone's going to ask me about. If I'm out talking with people or giving a speech somewhere, someone's going to ask about it because they care, because they were forced to take these vaccines. Another issue that is becoming extremely important, and I don't think it can be ignored, is the increase in cancer. We are seeing cancer increase like never before — all kinds of cancer. And that's another reason why we have to investigate these vaccines, because if they are causing cancers, or "turbo cancers," and we don't know who could be affected, my goodness, this is literally murdering people and being unwilling to even talk about it. So, I think it's a moral obligation. I believe it's a moral obligation that members of Congress should be talking about it and investigating it. Guess what? One more thing. The American people paid for it. Taxpayer dollars funded these things. And so that makes it our duty. It's our responsibility.

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TNA: It cost us $10 billion to make these vaccines via Operation Warp Speed. And you know what is extremely concerning to me? It's that we have no idea how six of these 10 billion were spent because they were awarded from the government to the vaccine manufacturers via some defense contractor who has ties with the CIA. And we have no idea — not even the [Department of Health and Human Services], which co-ran Operation Warp Speed alongside the [Department of Defense] — what's in these [classified] contracts. Do you have any interest

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Success: Representative Greene and other liberty-minded House members pushed for the impeachment of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas over his handling of the U.S. border. Mayorkas was impeached by the slimmest of margins in the House.

to learn what happened during Operation Warp Speed, which was specifically aimed at the speedy development of vaccines and which Donald Trump likened to the Manhattan Project?

MTG: I've heard President Trump talk about it many times, and I think he's right to be proud of certain elements of Operation Warp Speed. I'm not talking about the vaccine. I'm talking about the fact that so much red tape was able to be cut so that everyone could come together and basically be prepared to fight a pandemic. And then, it's easy to stand on this side of history and look back and judge everyone who made decisions at that time. They were forced to make these decisions with the information they were being handed. Who were the ones advising President Trump? Dr. Fauci and Dr. [Deborah] Birx. He trusted them. They were his advisors. They should have been advising him the right way. Did we know at the time that Dr. Fauci was the one profiting and making all this happen? No. And President Trump didn't know that either. But I do think it's important to look into these types of things that should be investigated in our Covid committee — not just origins, but I think it would be good to investigate these things.

TNA: The last topic I would like to ask you about is the impeachment of the absolutely dysfunctional DHS secretary, Alejandro Mayorkas. What's next in this saga?

MTG: It was extremely infuriating. It was extremely frustrating and disappointing that we had three Republicans join with the Democrats and protect Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, who legalized, through his powerful Cabinet position as secretary of Homeland Security, the largest invasion of the United States in history. One of those [Republicans] was Ken Buck, who is retiring. We all think he's looking for another job, maybe with CNN or something. Tom McClintock, no one can understand whatsoever. He claims to be a constitutionalist, but yet he's unwilling to use one of the biggest tools that our Founding Fathers gave us to get rid of people like Alejandro Mayorkas. Hopefully, his district and his constituents will correct him on that issue. Then, we had [Representative Mike] Gallagher, who announced his retirement within days after voting "no" and comes from a strong Republican district in Wisconsin. I think people let him know how they feel about that. [One week after the House failed to impeach Mayorkas, the House voted a second time, impeaching him by a vote of 214 to 213. The second vote occurred on February 13, just hours after our interview of Representative Greene.]

TNA: How do you expect the senators to vote on it?

MTG: Well, after this weekend and the 5:00 a.m. vote, we know where the Senate stands. [Early Tuesday morning the day of this interview, the Senate voted to approve a $95 billion aid package for Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan, without providing any funding for the U.S. border crisis.]

TNA: I would like to ask you about your pinned tweet, and I would like you to elaborate on that: "Today and everyday is 1776. Never give up our freedoms. Never let the left steal them away. Be a watchman on the wall and stay on guard every single second of every single day because the left will stop at nothing until they destroy our faith, our families, and our freedoms."

MTG: I pinned that tweet after the Democrats and a radical leftist group tried to take my name off the ballot in 2022 and stop my district from even being able to vote for me. And they attacked me using the term 1776 against me. And I pointed out to that Democratic attorney, who was from New York, while we were sitting in a Georgia courtroom, I said, "You did see the Georgia seal on the wall, sitting behind the judge. And it says, 1776." 1776 isn't a threat. It is a reminder of exactly who we are as Americans, that in 1776 we stood up to a tyrannical king and declared our independence, and we fought for our freedoms. And that's why we should always stand as watchmen on a wall and fight every single day to protect those freedoms. Because once they're gone, they only come back with bloodshed. And that's something that every American should remember every day. ■

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Is America Ready to Fight Globalism?

The motto for CPAC 2024, "Where Globalism Goes to Die," was emphasized in speeches by some of the biggest names in the freedom movement. Has the tide finally turned against globalism?

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by Paul Dragu

Donald Trump was supposed to speak at 1:00 p.m. Before that, his scheduled time was noon. At the beginning of the CPAC event, a couple of days before, the rumor was that he'd deliver his highly anticipated speech at 2:00 p.m. We were all on Trump time.

By 1:00 p.m. on February 24, CPAC's speaking hall in the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center just outside of Washington, D.C., was bursting at the seams. People were waiting with bated breath to hear from the most important political figure in the world and in our lifetime. A collection of Republicans, right-wingers, and general populists from seemingly every racial and ethnic background, and of all ages — many of whom wore red, white, and blue hats, shirts, and even pants — converged on one of the most left-wing regions in the country.

About 30 minutes before the clock struck 1:00, the speakers blared out instructions for attendees to clear the walkways. For the first time during the four-day event, there was no more room. In response, event workers had removed the sectional wall in the back to enlarge the hall and accommodate the extra crowd. This was the same room in which populist firebrand Representative Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) delivered a fiery speech the previous day, saying the United States needed to get out of

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the UN. The crowd loved it. That same day, U.K. Brexit leader Nigel Farage said people needed to work toward preserving their nation's sovereignty. Other popular speakers included potential Trump VP pick and South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, as well as Kari Lake, whom some consider a female version of the 45th president. They all received enthusiastic receptions.

But nothing matched the edge-of-your-seat excitement that Trump generated. The day before, a tall man with a New England accent said to me — it was more like he yelled to break through the background noise — "They say Trump is the most important man in history!" He certainly believed it.

At 1:00, a rare quietness descended on the room. The announcements had ceased, the screens above the stage switched to the static CPAC logo display, security agents stood by all the doors, and the stage lay empty, ready to support the man everyone came to hear. You could hear the collective anticipatory murmuring of thousands of people. Smartphones stood on standby, ready to spring up and record his arrival.

Then the speakers erupted. And out came Metallica's heavy-metal guitar introduction to "Enter Sandman," a song about a child who has nightmares. Smartphones shot into the air. But Trump was nowhere to be seen.

The song finished and another one started, this time Abba's "Dancing Queen," triggering quite a mood reversal. Then came a cover of The Who's "Pinball Wizard," followed by Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire." And on it went like this for more than 40 minutes, with songs such as Guns N' Roses' "November Rain," Sinéad O'Connor's "Nothing Compares 2 U," and James Brown's "It's a Man's Man's Man's World," among many others.

And then, finally, a tune unlike the others began to play. It was the somber rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner" sung by the J6 choir, which includes a cameo of Trump himself saying the pledge of allegiance. Many in the crowd took their hats off and laid their right hands on their hearts. When it was over, the announcer yelled, "Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome the next president of the United States, Donald J. Trump!"

And the crowd went wild.

For the next hour and half, Trump delivered one of the most subdued, congenial, and funny speeches I've ever heard from him. A centerpiece was the story about how he crushed ISIS. He gave us a glimpse into what it was like to be the president of the United States. He said he flew into Iraq under the cover of complete darkness to meet with military brass. He described a stealth flight that made him sweat from anxiety because there was no light inside or outside the plane. "Darkness everywhere," he reiterated — "not even what they call a pigeon light."

After he landed, he wiped himself dry and got down to business. He described meeting with military leaders, including one named "Raisin Cane." Cane told the president that he'd been given bad information regarding how long it would take to crush the militant Islamic group. Cane told him they only needed four weeks, not four years. That's how long it would take if American soldiers were allowed to do their jobs, he explained. Trump said he then went back to Washington, discussed the matter with others, and then gave the go-ahead to crush ISIS. The rest is history.

Trump said he told that story because it illustrates the restrictions our leaders level against American might and potential. He said this applies to our police officers, who aren't allowed to do their jobs; and our Border Patrol agents, who aren't allowed to do their jobs; and our energy sector, which isn't allowed to thrive.

Trump also hit all the usual points: He was right about the pain America would

John Birch Society booth at CPAC

incur if Joe Biden got into the White House; we need to seal the border and implement the largest deportation campaign in American history; Biden's 2020 election victory was fraudulent and we need to secure our elections. Trump said Biden was surrounded by some very bad "fascists," and that "corrupt insiders" were hard at work destroying the nation. He also called the indictments against him "bullsh*t."

But it wasn't all doom and gloom. He offered liberation from the "liars, cheaters, and fraudsters." "When we win," he said, "the curtain closes on their corrupt reign and the Sun rises on a bright new future for America. Your victory will be our ultimate vindication, your liberty will be our ultimate reward, and the unprecedented success of the United States of America will be my ultimate and absolute revenge. That's what I want. Success will be our revenge."

Trump's popularity hinges on a very rational agenda: to put the people in this country first. His Make America Great Again rallying cry resonates with tens of millions of Americans who want to live in a safe, prosperous, free — and sovereign — nation.

A New Anti-globalist Agenda

CPAC was founded in 1974. The American Conservative Union, which hosts the conference, launched it to rebuild a conservative political coalition after the Watergate scandal. The event has served as a barometer for the conservative movement, as CPAC activists usually signal what's to come in conservative politics. Historically, it's been almost an exclusively neoconservative event — George W. Bush, Chris Christie, and Kevin McCarthy have all been CPAC speakers (though Trump spoke in 2013, 2014, and 2015). However, with the notable exception of Rick Santorum, few neocons attended this year.

If CPAC is still a harbinger of what's to come in Republican politics, Americanists have reason to be excited. The motto for this year's rendezvous was "Where Globalism Goes to Die." During the event, organizers even passed a resolution "condemning the attempts of the World Health Organization, in coordination with the Biden Administration, the Chinese Communist Party, and the Gates Foundation, to surrender national sovereignty to a defacto global government through a radically revised public health 'treaty.'"

A lot of the stage rhetoric matched the anti-globalist motto.

"We are not going to let the globalists take over this country. They are done," CPAC organizer Mercedes Schlapp told the crowd on the last day of the event.

The day before, Representative Gaetz said, "I want the UN to be zeroed out of our budget. The U.S. should be out of the UN and the UN out of the U.S." The crowd loved that.

Brexit leader and British nationalist Farage observed:

> CPAC has become an international movement. The globalists, by trying to take away our national sovereignty, trying to take away our national democracy, and ultimately, trying to take away our individual freedoms and liberties, has forced us all together into this new movement in the most remarkable way.… We want international cooperation. We want common sense. We want it within the framework of the nation state, not within the framework of the European Union, or the United Nations, or the increasingly appalling World Health Organization.

Loud cheering.

In addition to pointing out the danger that globalism poses, speakers urged attendees to get involved in electoral politics, push back against transgender madness, and oppose medical tyranny. But from where this reporter stood, speakers and organizers were short on details — except for one specific organization, one that previously had been expelled from CPAC.

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JBS: Back at CPAC

In 1958, Massachusetts businessman Robert Welch launched The John Birch Society to stop the intentional destruction of the United States from within. He would forgo retirement and dedicate his golden years to restoring America through effective organization and education.

After its inaugural launch, JBS took off like a rocket. By 1962, hundreds of chapters had sprung up across the country. JBS members were already being recognized as fearsome defenders of Americanism by patriotic citizens; pesky obstructionists and paranoid kooks by '60s-era RINOs and neocons; and fascists by the media, who were operating as Marxist-style propagandists even back then.

Welch and his Birchers focused their activism against globalism. Revealing the insiders' plan in 1958, Welch said, "Part of that plan is to induce the gradual surrender of American sovereignty, piece by piece and step by step, to various international organizations — of which the

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United Nations is the outstanding but far from the only example."

In 1962, the Birchers launched their first action project, called "*Get US Out!* of the United Nations." For the next six decades, the Society would fight globalism on several fronts, all while fending off attacks from purported fellow travelers. William F. Buckley, Jr., "Mr. Respectable Conservative," who just so happened to have worked for the CIA, expended lots of ink and speeches attacking the JBS. He used the magazine he founded, *National Review*, to attack the JBS with the intent of destroying it. After years of this, it was declared that the Birchers had been banished from the conservative movement.

Except, as with many narratives Americans have come to believe, it was false. Yes, the JBS had been negatively affected, even wounded. But the organization took its licks, regrouped, and continued its mission.

For 65 years, Birchers have been quietly but diligently educating Americans about the threat of globalism and the answer to it. And now, after decades of this, it looks as if Americans are finally ready to listen.

After a 10-year ban from the event, JBS was back at CPAC beginning last year. Our presence hasn't gone unnoticed. This year, Deep State mouthpiece *The Atlantic* published a piece titled "The Return of the John Birch Society: The organization, once relegated to the outermost edges of the conservative movement, now fits neatly into its mainstream." The neocon *Washington Examiner* published an article titled "CPAC 2024: Once a Republican bastion, annual gathering brings fringe movement to the mainstream." The subtitles tell you all you need to know.

The Battle Continues

This is to be expected. The elites aren't going to give up their power just because we all know who's behind the curtain. They aren't going to sit idly by and let Americans take back their country now that the cat is out of the bag. It has taken them at least 100 years to bring us to this treacherous state. They are like an animal that's been wounded — and few things are as dangerous as a wounded animal.

JBS is one of the few entities with a very detailed plan to destroy globalism. It includes educating legislators on the need to exit international organizations such as the UN. Birchers also work to preserve the U.S. Constitution by stopping an Article V convention. JBS features action campaigns dedicated to restoring election integrity, getting children out of government schools, and supporting and keeping local police independent of federal influence. JBS has created a Freedom Index for Americans to use when voting and to encourage legislators to cast votes that adhere to the Constitution. And that's just a short list of action items.

The JBS has a plan, and, best of all, it doesn't put the burden of restoring the nation on one man. It's quite the opposite. The president was never meant to have such power. If Americans truly want to make America great again, they need to work toward reining in unconstitutional government at all levels and giving power back to the people.

Robert Welch once said:

> In the Twentieth Century modern man is simply being played for a sucker, by an amoral gang of sophisticated criminals. These cunning megalomaniacs seek to make themselves the absolute rulers of a human race of enslaved robots.… Although they now occupy most of the positions of great prestige and influence in Washington, London, and Paris, as well as in the financial, educational, and publishing circles of the whole world, their power rests entirely on bluff, pretense, and deception.
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> Both their success and their purposes are contrary to the whole current of human history. They are sitting precariously on the gigantic powder keg of all honest human emotions. Despite their arrogant assurance on the contemporary scene, they themselves are well aware that sooner or later the whole framework of their cruel power will be blown to pieces, by a mighty uprising of the incalculable forces of man's moral principles, love for freedom, and common sense. How soon that day of delivery may come will depend on you.

While certainly on the right side, Trump is not our savior, and Americans shouldn't put such a burden on any one man. The responsibility of making America great again lies with every American citizen.

So, America, are you ready to crush globalism? ■

The New American's *Veronika Kyrylenko and Paul Dragu interviewed more than 20 newsmakers and influencers at CPAC, including Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, My Pillow CEO Mike Lindell, Dr. Robert Malone, and former acting director of ICE Tom Homan. To watch these interviews, go to thenewamerican.com/tag/cpac/*

International Crisis Summit Fights for Health Freedom

The New American

by Veronika Kyrylenko

While CPAC was making headlines and getting the attention of American conservatives, the Fifth International Crisis Summit (ICS5, formerly the International Covid Summit) was taking place at the same venue as the larger conference. Founded as a safe haven for physicians, lawyers, and other professionals who had been "canceled" or otherwise persecuted for questioning the official Covid-19 narrative and policies, the summit has now garnered the attention of decision-makers across the globe, with robust participation from members of the European Parliament and national legislators.

Initially focused on sharing data, research, and scientific discussions aimed at finding effective Covid treatments, ICS now aims to develop an action plan to counter the globalist agenda and uphold scientific integrity. According to the event organizers, the primary threat to scientific and medical freedom is posed by the UN and its "healthcare" arm, the World Health Organization (WHO).

Speaking with *The New American*, Dr. Robert Malone, who helped organize the summit, elaborated, "We're trying to go a little broader and focus more on public policy, the World Health Organization, the International Health Regulations, and the upcoming Pandemic Health Treaty. What does that really mean? We have more involvement from policymakers and politicians." He added, "This time we have much more emphasis on the cognitive warfare and cyber aspects, the censorship of public policy, and on what really needs to be done going forward." Malone further underscored that propaganda and psychological warfare were being used against Americans by the "new industry that is integrated with the government, public-private partnerships, and academia."

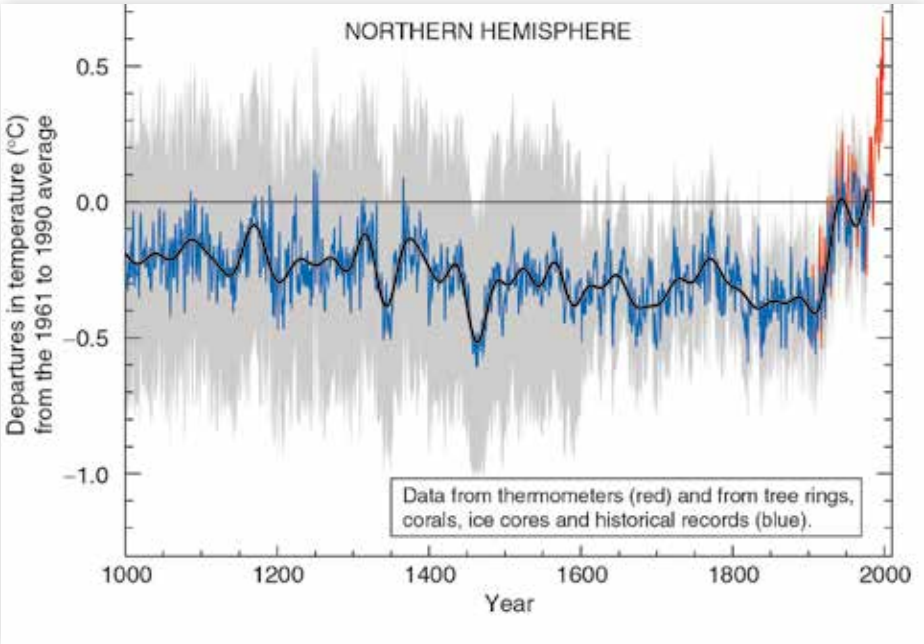
Dr. Meryl Nass, the founder of the organization DoorToFreedom.org, an informational resource that collects all information on the WHO's pandemic documents ostensibly aimed at improving global responses to disease outbreaks, told *The New American* that, if enacted, the WHO pandemic agreements would essentially destroy national sovereignty. "The WHO is being used by basically a cabal of globalists in an attempt to have a soft coup and take over much of global governance through the concept of health and pandemics. The idea is to get us frightened of pandemics, so frightened that basically we will do whatever they want." She urged everyday people to bear in mind that the globalists are outnumbered, and all of us must simply refuse to comply with any future dictates. Another important component to preserving freedom, said the doctor, is disseminating information about the true intent of the documents, which Nass described as a part of the now-infamous Great Reset, by which global elites seek to exert universal control over all aspects of individuals' lives, beginning with their dietary habits and the information they access, and extending to their finances, movement, and lifestyle choices.

Attendees reported that, fortunately, there is a growing awareness among the public regarding the threats to sovereignty, freedom, and even physical safety posed by globalist policies. Consequently, there has been a rise in the appeal of conservative parties in Europe, particularly those that have opposed Covid mandates, illegal immigration, and regulatory measures related to "climate change" that are prevalent in the EU. Speaking with *The New American*, Cristian Terheş, a member of the European Parliament, suggested that the bloc is likely to be strengthened with pro-sovereignty lawmakers during the June parliamentary elections.

After the event, on February 26, many speakers from ICS5 participated in a roundtable discussion led by Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.). The discussion was titled "Federal Health Agencies and the COVID Cartel: What Are They Hiding?" and was aimed at "[exposing] the truth about how the COVID Cartel — federal health agencies, Big Pharma, legacy media, and Big Tech — engaged in censorship and coverups," focusing also on "the failures and corruption of the global elite and their institutions." ■

SLAPPed With the Hockey Stick

A jury recently punished a journalist with $1 million in fines for allegedly defaming a UN climate "expert." The message: Don't question the narrative.



IPCC

Hockey check: Mann has consistently refused to share the raw data he used to construct the hockey stick, even ignoring a 2019 request by British Columbia's Supreme Court.

by Rebecca Terrell

Conservative journalist Mark Steyn must pay $1 million in punitive damages in a defamation lawsuit that strikes at the root of First Amendment free-speech protections. Attorneys for the prosecution applauded the judgment as a clear message to those they dub "climate deniers."

Twelve years ago, controversial scientist Michael Mann sued Steyn and some associates for drawing parallels between Mann's claims of catastrophic global warming and the case of a convicted child molester. This past February, the jury decided that Mann had not suffered damages, but it still penalized Steyn. Why?

When the case began, Mann was professor of atmospheric science at Pennsylvania State University (Penn State). He had gained international recognition in 1998, when he published his now-infamous "hockey stick" graph in the journal *Nature*, depicting global temperatures since 1000 A.D. According to Mann, from that time until the mid-20th century, little variation occurred. But then, temperatures suddenly skyrocketed upward. Mann included several years of future forecasting with no expected end to rising temperatures. The result was a curved line that looked a lot like a hockey stick.

The UN quickly snatched that stick, featuring it prominently in two Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment reports (AR). As is the case with all IPCC publications, AR3 in 2001 and AR4 in 2007 preached man-made global warming as gospel truth and exercised enormous influence on governments worldwide in cementing the Kyoto Protocols — aimed at reducing so-called greenhouse gas emissions — into their environmental laws and policies.

The hockey stick was also central to Al Gore's oft-debunked 2006 film *An Inconvenient Truth*. In fact, IPCC and Gore share the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change," according to NobelPrize.org. (Later, Mann would erroneously claim to have also been a recipient, by virtue of the role his hockey stick played in the 2007 award decision. However, the Nobel Foundation denies that Mann ever received one of its prizes.)

Meanwhile, many of Mann's scientific contemporaries had been crying foul on his bureaucratically acclaimed graph. For example, in 2003, a team of researchers including aerospace engineer Willie Soon and astronomer Sallie Baliunas blasted the hockey stick in a review printed in the journal *Energy and Environment*. They concluded that the 20th century was not the warmest, nor had it witnessed the "most extreme" temperatures, in history.

The same year, statistical analyst Stephen McIntyre and environmental economist Ross McKitrick brought Mann's data behind the hockey stick into question in a white paper published by the George C. Marshall Institute. Entitled *The IPCC, the "Hockey Stick" Curve, and the Illusion of Experience*, the paper also harshly criticized the statistical techniques they said Mann used to produce skyrocketing temperatures in the late 20th century. "The hockey stick, the poster-child of the global warming community, turns out to be an artifact of poor mathematics," physicist Richard Muller wrote in 2004 in MIT *Technology Review*.

These findings would be further validated in the 2006 Wegman Report, pre-

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Zamboni wit: Conservative commentator Mark Steyn has been criticizing the "hockey stick" graph for years, using humor and satire to spar with its designer.

pared by three highly credentialed statisticians led by Dr. Edward Wegman at the request of Texas Republican Congressman Joe Barton for the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The same year, Mann claimed that the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) had affirmed the hockey stick with an exhaustive review, when in fact the report confirmed the findings of McIntyre, McKitrick, and the authors of the Wegman Report. NAS found fault with both Mann's data and his analysis. In later committee hearings, Barton questioned Gerald North, chairman of the NAS review panel: "Dr. North, do you dispute the conclusions or the methodology of Dr. Wegman's report?"

"No, we don't," North answered. "In fact, pretty much the same thing is said in our report."

Controversy surrounding the hockey stick reached a peak in November of 2009 with the advent of "Climategate." Hackers pirated and published hundreds of incriminating emails from the U.K.'s University of East Anglia (UEA), which works hand in hand with UN climate alarmists. The emails revealed correspondence between researchers engaged in reporting data to favor their own climate-change agenda.

Particularly damning to Mann was an email sent to him and several colleagues from UEA climatologist Phil Jones, who wrote in November 1999: "I've just completed Mike's *Nature* trick of adding in the real temps to each series for the last 20 years (ie from 1981 onwards) amd [sic] from 1961 for Keith's to hide the decline."

Also interesting was the implication in Climategate emails that IPCC chose Mann's hockey stick because it fit the alarmist bill. *The Guardian's* environmental journalist Fred Pearce told that story in 2010. (His reference to the "Met Office" denotes the U.K.'s national weather service):

> On 22 September 1999, Met Office scientist Chris Folland, an IPCC lead author, alerted key researchers that a diagram of temperature change over the past thousand years "is a clear favourite for the policy makers' summary." But there were two competing graphs — Mann's hockey stick and another, by Phil Jones, [UEA climatologist] Keith Briffa and others, which sought to ascertain temperatures over the past millennium using, among other things, tree rings, ice cores and coral.
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> Mann's graph was clearly the more compelling image of man-made climate change. Jones and Briffa's "dilutes the message rather significantly," said Folland. "We want the truth. Mike [Mann] thinks it lies nearer his result."
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> But Briffa did not. Three hours later, he sent a long and passionate email. "It should not be taken as read that Mike's series is THE CORRECT ONE," he warned. "I know there is pressure to present a nice tidy story as regards 'apparent unprecedented warming in a thousand years or more in the proxy data,' but in reality the situation is not quite so simple…. For the record, I believe that the recent warmth was probably matched about 1,000 years ago."

Other emails evince researchers plotting to defy Freedom of Information Act requests and purposefully deleting emails to protect them from scrutiny. The scandal forced Penn State to conduct an investigation into Mann. It was completed on February 3, 2010, with an unsurprising result: The school exonerated its professor.

Two other "independent" reviews also resulted in not-guilty verdicts, prompting Gerald Warner of *The Telegraph* to label

them all as "whitewash" jobs. "There is no more a culture of accountability and job forfeiture for controversial conduct in AGW [anthropogenic global warming] circles than there is in parliamentary ones," he wrote. "The brand remains toxic."

Nevertheless, Climategate faded from the media spotlight until 2012, when it reared its head again in a seeming disconnect. In June of that year, a jury found former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky guilty of child sex abuse. FBI investigations revealed that Penn State administrators, including school president Graham Spanier and head football coach Joe Paterno, had covered up for Sandusky for more than a decade. The scandal not only sent several of them to prison, but ended all their careers with the school.

In response, aerospace engineer Rand Simberg published a July 13, 2012, column on the Competitive Enterprise Institute's (CEI) blog, OpenMarket.org, pointing out that some of the same Penn State administrators convicted in the Sandusky scandal had overseen the Mann investigation. Simberg concluded that they had engaged in a similar coverup to protect Mann because of his "level of success in proposing research and obtaining funding," a line he quoted from the Penn State report. Simberg called for a "fresh, truly independent investigation."

Impressed with the arguments, Steyn responded to Simberg's article, referencing it heavily in his own column on the *National Review* website. *Politico* related the allegedly defamatory statement from both sources:

> The National Review Online post quoted from a now-deleted line by CEI's Rand Simberg, who wrote: "Mann could be said to be the Jerry Sandusky of climate science, except that instead of molesting children, he has molested and tortured data in the service of politicized science that could have dire economic consequences for the nation and planet."

Mann sued both journalists and their publishers. His complaint accused them of libel, material damage to himself, and the "intentional infliction of emotional distress." It also charged them with what Steyn called "the hitherto unknown crime of 'defamation of a Nobel prize recipient.'" (In fact, Mann published a press release on his Facebook page announcing the lawsuit, and it, too, claimed that he "was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize" for his global-warming research. *National Review* contacted the Nobel Foundation, which, as noted above, denied that Mann had ever won a Nobel prize.)

Regarding Mann's formal complaint, defense attorneys countered that what Simberg wrote was protected under the First Amendment, and they pointed out the unsettled controversy surrounding Mann's hockey-stick data.

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Stickhandling: In his defamation case against Rand Simberg and Mark Steyn, UN climatologist Michael Mann claimed he was materially damaged, but the jury awarded him a telling $1 from each defendant in compensatory damages.

"Unsettled" is putting it mildly, for Mann consistently refuses requests by skeptical scientists to review the raw data he used in formulating his contested graph. Though sharing data is expected practice so that others can determine if results are replicable, Mann even ignored a court order for the data from the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

That happened in another defamation case, concurrent with his suit against Steyn. In 2011, Mann sued Canadian climatologist Tim Ball, who cried foul on the hockey stick and wrote that Mann "belongs in the state pen, not Penn State."

In an opinion column published at WattsUpWithThat.com, Ball identified cases such as this as "SLAPP" suits. The acronym stands for "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation," a legal term for cases brought against ideological or political critics to silence or intimidate them. At the time, eight Canadian provinces had enacted anti-SLAPP legislation, but British Columbia was not among them.

However, when Mann failed to produce the information requested by the Court, it dismissed his suit in 2019 and ordered him to pay Ball's court costs. Despite the victory, Ball received no recompense for eight years of suffering through the litigation. As Steyn has many times opined, "The process is the punishment."

In the case of Steyn and Simberg, their punishing process took 12 years, but it did not end as well. Major media and climate alarmists alike are gloating that the jury fined Simberg $1,000 in punitive damages. Steyn's fine is a whopping $1,000,000.

"It feels great," Mann told The Associated Press after the jury delivered its verdict on February 8. "It's a good day for us. It's a good day for science."

But science was not actually on trial here. This was a *defamation* case — a SLAPP case, in fact. The hockey stick was not investigated, nor could it have been. Mann still won't release his data, even though that practice is a staple of scientific inquiry.

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Mann, who is now the director of the Center for Science, Sustainability and the Media at the University of Pennsylvania, claimed that the actions of the defendants had affected his career and reputation, both in the United States and internationally. Interestingly, in 2019, Mann was awarded the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, which is known in his circles (ironically) as the "Nobel Prize for the Environment."

It is therefore unclear how Simberg's and Steyn's comments have adversely affected him. In fact, the jury determined that Mann was not harmed. So, why the $1 million ruling? Attorney John Hinderaker, president of the think tank Center of the American Experiment, explained on his PowerLine blog:

> The verdict was disappointing to those of us who followed the case and thought that Michael Mann presented a pathetically inadequate case. The jury actually agreed: it found that the defendants had defamed Mann, but awarded only a token $1 in damages, since Mann had failed to prove any. But it found that both Simberg and Steyn acted with actual malice — that they didn't actually believe what they said about Mann — and awarded punitive damages in the amount of $1,000 against Simberg, and $1 million against Steyn.
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> In a sane world, this case never would have gone to the jury. The legal standard is actual malice, which means the defendants must have thought, subjectively, that what they said wasn't likely true. In this case, there was no evidence whatever that Steyn and Simberg didn't sincerely believe that what they said was true. Indeed, as [Steyn] pointed out in [his] closing argument, he has been saying the same things about Mann's hockey stick for something like 21 years, and even wrote a book about it.

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Coverup: The FBI said that Penn State covered up crimes of its former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky (shown in handcuffs). The same administration oversaw an investigation into its environmental professor, Michael Mann, and his role in Climategate.

The book mentioned is *A Disgrace to the Profession: The World's Scientists in Their Own Words on Michael E. Mann, His Hockey Stick, and Their Damage to Science*. It was published nearly a decade ago, in 2015.

Hinderaker points out that in his closing arguments, Mann's attorney, John Williams, actually admitted the political motivation in the case. "He said that the jury should award punitive damages so that in the future, no one will dare engage in 'climate denialism,'" Hinderaker wrote, observing that in "41 years of trying cases to juries, I never heard such an outrageously improper appeal."

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That is not mere speculation; environmentalists admit it. "I hope people think twice before they lie and defame scientists," Kate Cell of the Union of Concerned Scientists told The Associated Press.

As for CEI and *National Review*, which were both part of Mann's original lawsuit, the D.C. Superior Court ruled in 2021 that neither is liable for defamation in the case. After the February 8 verdict, Mann intends to appeal that decision. "They're next," he warned.

Both Steyn and Simberg have said they will appeal. One thing in their favor is the fact that U.S. Supreme Court precedent holds that punitive damages must be reasonable and proportionate to compensatory damages. In other words, the judge could reduce their fines. That judge is Alfred S. Irving of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, appointed by George W. Bush in 2008. He was reappointed in December for a second 15-year term. Considering that he just allowed a hockey stick SLAPP shot in his courtroom, however, it's fair to wonder whether judicial activism is his goal. ■

Purple for Parents: Protecting Hoosier Kids From Sexual Perversion

by Rebecca Terrell

"Choosing to have sex — when, what kind, where, and who with — is something that only you get to define."

No, this shocking statement is not drawn from the annals of Sigmund Freud, nor was it recorded during the 1969 Woodstock orgy.

It is part of a short video posted to X, aimed at young people, and introduced with the degenerate tag line: "Virginity! What is it? What it isn't. And what's the big deal about 'losing' it?"

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) produced the smut piece in an apparent attempt to fire off as many obscene terms and images as possible in the span of 56 seconds, all against the backdrop of an elementary-school classroom.

The setting is plainly an admission. Parent advocacy groups such as the nonprofit Moms for Liberty have long been warning that PPFA will soon "be a 'community partner' welcomed into your child's school."

Community partners are part of a plan orchestrated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in its "Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child" (WSCC) model. Launched in 2014 in collaboration with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), its stated goal is to promote the well-being of students.

What is their definition of "well-being"? For that answer, look no further than ASCD's chief executive officer Richard Culatta, who once served as President Barack Obama's chief education technology officer.

Moral crusader: Rhonda Miller directs Purple for Parents of Indiana, a parental rights and child advocacy group. She also serves as a field coordinator for The John Birch Society.

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Today, he also holds the position of CEO of the International Society for Technology in Education. ISTE is "a group that has partnered with UNESCO on its 'ICT Competency Framework for Teachers,'" explains a 2019 exposé published by the Alliance to Protect Children. (UNESCO is a UN agency that works closely with the infamous and corrupt Kinsey Institute to promote legal abortion and to groom children through so-called sex education from birth.) The ICT Competency Framework "is already being used in Africa to force Comprehensive Sexuality Education curriculum into schools."

Yet WSCC goes much further than sex ed. Another of its goals is setting up health clinics in public schools across the country. "They're removing the guard rails of parental consent," warns Rhonda Miller, director of Purple for Parents of Indiana (P4PI). Her organization formed in response to the radical teachers union 2018-2019 "Red for Ed" movement, and it works to expose "the indoctrination and sexualization of children in the public education system."

Grooming Clinics

Miller told *The New American* that P4PI recently teamed with Hoosiers for Medical Liberty (H4ML) to kill Senate Bill 272 in the Indiana Legislature. It would have established these WSCC school-based health clinics across the state.

In January 24 Senate Judiciary Committee testimony promoting his proposal, bill sponsor Andy Zay, a Republican, invoked the federal "SAFER Communities Act" passed in the wake of

the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. It is a grossly unconstitutional measure that not only expands federal gun control but also subsidizes health coverage in school settings. "The genesis of that bill was to expand and promote school-based health clinics throughout the United States," he said, "and it will help Indiana schools draw down more federal Medicaid funding for services."

Young-adult literature? Parents have discovered that some of the books in their kids' school libraries cannot be read aloud at school board meetings because they violate decency standards.

Various school administrators also spoke in favor of SB272, with one caveat: They objected to its stipulation of parental involvement. "Our main concern with the bill is requiring a parent present at the time of students receiving our services," said Dr. Megan Carlson, director of health services for Indianapolis Public Schools.

Indiana School Boards Association Executive Director Terry Spradlin even opposed prior written consent for vision and health screenings. "In other words, they don't want parents involved!" Miller exclaimed.

These red flags are only some of the reasons P4PI opposed the bill. Other parental-rights activists took turns at the podium relating horror stories of medical errors in the 48 school-based clinics that already exist in Indiana. In one case, a seven-year-old child was administered a Covid vaccine without parental consent. Her parents sued and lost; the judge said it was an honest mistake.

In another instance, a high-school student brought home an unmarked bag of Zoloft tablets, an anti-depressant medication with a black box warning to monitor for suicidal tendencies in children and young adults. When her astonished parents contacted the school, they discovered that she was taking multiple forms of school clinic-provided birth control. "Reproductive care is one of the things Indiana covers in the framework of school-based health centers," related one witness.

"These clinics are going in across the nation. Planned Parenthood is coming into the schools and violating parental rights," Miller warns. She points out that educators need to focus on raising woefully inadequate standard test scores rather than launching into the medical field.

Meanwhile, P4PI is celebrating a temporary victory. On February 5, the H4ML website announced: "SB272 for school clinics is DEAD," and the two groups can take credit for playing a large role in that outcome.

But, they say, "the threat persists." Their records show that Republicans have been pushing for school-based health clinics since 2019, and with SAFER Communities Act and WSCC muscle behind them now, it would be recklessly naive to expect the problem to disappear.

Retribution

Indeed, defending children against the onslaught of grooming and pornography hidden within the Trojan horse of modern education is an uphill battle. P4PI's efforts earned the group an arguably praiseworthy position on the Southern Poverty Law Center's annual *Hate and Extremism* report published last June.

Two months later, the online event management website Eventbrite deleted two P4PI conferences: *RSVP America: Restoring Social Virtue and Purity to America* and *Save Our Children*. The platform accused P4PI of violating its policy on "Hateful, Dangerous or Violent Content and Events," and warned that future violations could get them canceled.

Then, last December, P4PI became the victim of cyberbullying. Unknown political adversaries impersonated the group online, sending vile and threatening messages via email and social media. Miller calls it "demonic," but vows, "We will not stop."

What earned such targeting? Miller credits P4PI's advocacy success early last year in two legislative crusades. One was the passage of Senate Bill 12. Labeled by opponents as a book ban and war on educators, SB12 protects elementary- and high-school students from exposure to pornography in library books, allowing parents to file complaints about inappropriate material. It also removes the legal defense that such vice has educational value.

Additionally, P4PI worked with House Republican Lorissa Sweet to pass HB1001, a measure prohibiting Indiana University from using state money to support its sex-research arm, the Kinsey Institute, which was founded in 1947 by the father of the American sexual revolution, Alfred Kinsey. Miller says that Kinsey conducted so-called sex research, including the rape and torture of thousands of children.

Working against such perversion makes the targeted attacks against P4PI worth enduring, Miller says. She vows that P4PI will never give up until children in her state are protected from predators in educators' clothing. ■

Turning Passion Into Purpose

At Capital Manor, a senior living facility in Salem, Oregon, retired state legislator Gene Derfler has found a new purpose in woodworking. Turning a 300-square-foot space in the building's basement into a workshop, Derfler spends about nine months each year meticulously crafting wooden toy trucks with a team of other residents. These trucks aren't just any toys; they're part of a labor of love benefiting Head Start chapters in Salem, Keizer, and Polk County.

Derfler's journey into woodworking began after retirement, sparked by a lifetime fascination with wood carvings. What started as a minor interest blossomed into a full-fledged passion, with Derfler now known for his lifelike carvings of trout, steelhead, and koi, which adorn the Capital Manor café.

Despite approaching his 100th birthday, Derfler's dedication to his craft and community is unwavering. He still finds time to fish several times a year, evincing a spirit of adventure and creativity that inspires those around him.

The wooden trucks, each made with care and attention to detail, have become a symbol of joy for children in the local community. Made entirely in the Capital Manor woodshop, the trucks are a testament to the residents' commitment to spreading happiness and creating a lasting impact.

"This is done by the residents, and Capital Manor doesn't contribute anything," Derfler told *Salem Reporter*, emphasizing the commitment it takes to make the toy trucks. "It's a lot of work putting them together. I counted, and it's like 35 pieces that go into each truck. It's kind of tedious," said Derfler.

This project, which has spanned more than a decade and produced around 11,000 trucks, is entirely funded by donations. Approximately $3,500 is required each year for supplies for the trucks.

Residents such as Emery Billings, who takes pride in mixing his own paint colors for the trucks, exemplify the team's dedication to creating something special for the children who receive them.

Watching the children choose their trucks is a highlight for Derfler and the team. Each truck represents a labor of love, from the initial design to the final assembly, and seeing the joy on the children's faces makes every hour spent in the woodshop worthwhile.

As the team continues to work on this year's batch of trucks, they hope to surpass last year's goal of 900 trucks. Donations are always welcome and can be made to Capital Manor, with a note specifying the funds are for the toy truck project.

Paradegoers Swoop Into Action

In the aftermath of tragedy, heroes emerge. This was the case for a group of Kansas City Chiefs fans who took action after gunfire broke out at the victory rally in Kansas City on February 14. Trey and Casey Filter of Kansas City, along with Paul Contreras of Bellevue, Nebraska, tackled a man carrying a semiautomatic rifle, preventing a potentially dangerous situation from escalating further.

The incident occurred as the rally was wrapping up outside Union Station. When the gunman caused a commotion, bystanders immediately sprang into action, responding to calls to tackle the suspect.

Both the Filters and Contreras were attending the parade with their children.

Contreras recalled the harrowing thoughts that went through his mind as he wrangled with the armed man.

"He's got a gun on him; he's going to use it. I can't let him get up; I can't let him get back to it. I can't let him get to his pocket where he may have another one, I'm just assuming," Contreras said. "He's trying his hardest to get us off of him. He's fighting to get up and we're fighting to keep him down until law enforcement got there."

They did manage to restrain the gunman until police arrived. Casey played a crucial role by safely removing the gun from the scene.

It's not immediately clear if the person Contreras and Filter tackled is one of the two people who have been arrested for the shooting that day, *The Independent* reported. According to KCPD Chief Stacey Graves, the investigation is still "very active" and police are "working to determine the involvement of others," as they have recovered multiple firearms at the scene of the shooting.

Alyssa Contreras captured the aftermath of the confrontation on video, showcasing the bravery and quick thinking of those involved. Their actions have been widely praised on social media, with many hailing them as heroes.

Graves expressed gratitude to the brave individuals who assisted law enforcement during the incident, acknowledging their selfless actions. "I want to thank the people who acted bravely … alongside law enforcement," she said.

Pajama Problem Solved

Larry Farrish, Jr., a school-bus driver in Louisville, Kentucky, is known for his kindness and compassion. When he noticed one of his young passengers, Levi, was having a rough morning because he didn't have pajamas for Pajama Day, Larry took it upon himself to make things right, TODAY.com reported.

After finishing his morning routes, Larry went to a store and bought two pairs of pajamas for Levi. He then surprised Levi at school, telling him, "You were hurting this morning, you were crying, so I got you these pajamas." Levi's face lit up with joy, and he hugged the pajamas tightly.

This act of kindness didn't just brighten Levi's day, it also touched the hearts of many others. Jefferson County Public Schools shared Larry's story on Facebook, and it quickly went viral. People praised Larry for his caring nature and shared their own positive experiences with him.

For Larry, being a bus driver is more than just a job; it's a passion. He loves building bonds with the children he transports and finds joy in making a difference in their lives. His act of kindness reminds us all of the power of compassion and the impact it can have on others. ■

— Raven Clabough

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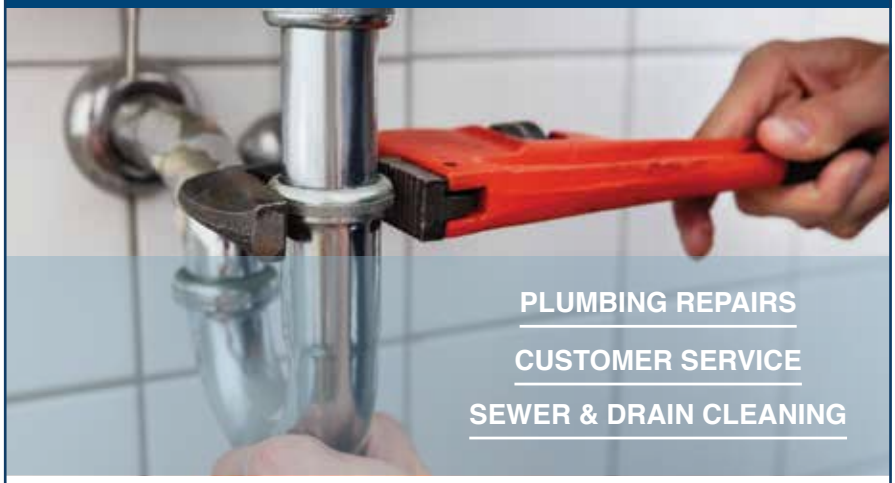

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Algernon Sidney Martyr for Liberty

The English statesman whose writings so strongly influenced the Founding Fathers is now all but forgotten in America. He shouldn't be.

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by Joe Wolverton II, J.D.

For myself, I can hardly consider the name of Algernon Sidney as anything other than an American name, — American in all its associations, and American in all its influences, — and not unworthy to be held up with the proudest and loftiest names of our own land, to the contemplation and admiration of every son and every daughter of our beloved Union.

— Robert Winthrop,
spoken at a Sidney memorial held in 1853 in Boston

Can you believe that a man who Thomas Jefferson said wrote the "best elementary book of the principles of government" that our youth should read "as soon as their minds are sufficiently matured" is all but forgotten by Americans today?

Can you believe that a book that Thomas Jefferson identified as one of the primary sources for the principles of the Declaration of Independence is not found in the home of every American patriot?

Can you believe that a book that Jefferson and James Madison mandated that every incoming student at the University of Virginia had to read before matriculating is a book nearly no one in America today has even heard of?

Can you believe that that book, which cost the author his head, is unknown to most U.S. history professors and teachers today?

Can you believe that a man revered by the Founding Fathers as an honorary American and a martyr of republican government, and after whom towns and universities were named, is now almost completely unheard of?

How is that possible? How can such a man be unknown to Americans today? Regardless of *how* it happened, it happened, and it is just plain wrong.

We can begin righting that wrong by restoring to the American people the knowledge of the patron saint of republicanism — of the "Good Old Cause" — Colonel Algernon Sidney.

Aside from sacred texts, it's hard to find words more powerful than those written by Algernon Sidney (1623–1683). At the time of the War for Independence, Sidney was the world's most celebrated martyr for free speech. Today, he is forgotten by the very people whose freedom and form of government he inspired.

While millions of Americans can recall and discuss the most minute details from the *Harry Potter* book and movie series, or can relate intimate details of the lives of the Kardashian family, the name Algernon Sidney is never mentioned in our homes — even among those claiming to be advocates of republican government and experts in American history.

Remarkably, Colonel Sidney's name and fame were once so universal that the editor of the first edition of Sidney's *Discourses Concerning Government* wrote in its introduction, "It is not necessary to say anything concerning the person of the author," and Thomas Jefferson said Sidney was so universally acclaimed that it would be "superfluous, and even presumptuous, for an individual to add his feeble breath to the gale." Today, it is not

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Posthumous vindication: The Glorious Revolution of 1688, five years after Sidney's death, saw a benign invader, William of Orange (shown here landing on the English coast with his forces), welcomed into London and made England's first monarch with truly limited powers. It was under the reign of William and Mary that the American Colonies flourished under the freest government the world had ever seen.

only necessary, it is *urgent*, as the gale is reduced to less than a breeze.

Unbelievably, there has not been a new edition of *Discourses Concerning Government* printed in England since 1772 or in France since 1796, and prior to Liberty Fund's edition in 1996, the last U.S. edition was published in 1810! This is how complete the establishment's *damnatio memoriae* ("condemnation of memory") against Algernon Sidney has been.

As for biographies of Colonel Sidney, there has never been a comprehensive one published. Jonathan Scott's work is the closest we've come, and that work is more a historiography of Sidney's times and his influences than a proper biography. I am happy to announce, however, that I am currently working on a biography of Algernon Sidney, and it should be ready for publication on the anniversary of his martyrdom in 2024.

Until that larger work is ready for publication, what follows is a brief biography of a man whose influence on the government of the United States and on the men who framed it is beyond measure.

Algernon Sidney was the second son of Robert, Earl of Leicester, and Lady Dorothy Percy, daughter of Henry, Earl of Northumberland. His great uncle on his father's side was the heroic and talented Sir Philip Sidney, whom Queen Elizabeth I called "the jewel of her times" and whose life was famously described by Scottish poet Thomas Campbell as "poetry put into action."

The exact date of Algernon's birth is uncertain, although most scholars now agree that it was sometime on or about January 15, 1623, the date recorded of a payment made to a midwife for attending to Sidney's mother, Dorothy, herself a descendant of the historically pertinent Percy family.

English politician and diplomat Sir William Temple described Algernon's father as a man of profound learning and truthfulness, a sentiment echoed by English statesman Edward Hyde, 1st Earl of Clarendon, and others. Under his father's guidance, Algernon received a comprehensive classical education, fully embracing and utilizing these opportunities. From a young age, he displayed exceptional talent and wit, as noted in a letter from his mother. "[Algernon is] much commended by all that comes from you … [for] a huge deal of wit and much sweetness of nature," she wrote to her husband.

At about age 10, Algernon joined his father and elder brother on a diplomatic mission to Denmark. Four years later, they went to Paris, where Algernon's interest in politics began to develop amid the reign of Louis XIII and Cardinal Richelieu's formidable rule. He later studied in Rome, absorbing the legacy of figures such as Brutus and Cicero.

At 19, through his father's influence, Algernon commanded a troop of horse in Ireland, under his brother, to quell Irish insurgents. However, military life wasn't his true calling. Upon returning from Ireland, he boldly supported the Parliament and the people against King Charles I in the English Civil War. In 1644, he became a captain in the parliamentary cavalry, and was soon promoted to lieutenant colonel. He demonstrated bravery during the Battle of Marston Moor, where he was severely injured and nearly captured, only to be saved by a soldier who refused any reward or recognition for his act of valor.

Sidney's life and this anonymous soldier's heroism showcase the transcendent nature of human kindness and courage, regardless of social status.

Recovering quickly, Sidney led a regiment of horse under Sir Thomas Fairfax and Oliver Cromwell, bearing the motto "The sacred love of country gives the impulse." By age 24 he was in the House of Commons, and he was soon appointed lieutenant general of horse in Ireland and governor of Dublin Castle. Later he was made governor of Dover Castle.

In 1648, he was selected as a commissioner for King Charles I's trial. After attending initial sessions, though, he withdrew, opposing the proceedings based on principle, as revealed in a letter in which he challenged Cromwell directly.

Despite opposing the trial, Sidney believed Charles had abused his power and that his deposition was necessary. He saw it as a warning against tyranny, aligning with the belief that monarchy should give way to a government by the people.

Refusing to support Cromwell's increasingly tyrannical regime, Sidney spent some time in retirement, partly at Penshurst in Kent and partly in the Hague, where he befriended statesman John De Witt. During this time, he laid the groundwork for his *Discourses Concerning Government*.

Returning to Parliament, he was assigned as a peace mediator between Swe-

den and Denmark. Watching England's political shifts from afar, he resolved to serve only if the government upheld republican principles. However, with the restoration of the monarchy under King Charles II, he refused to engage with a government he viewed as treacherous and tyrannical, declining offers for personal gain.

On August 30, 1660, Sidney wrote a letter expressing his resolve to not return to England under conditions that would compromise those principles:

> I confess we are naturally inclined to delight in our own country, and I have a particular love of mine; I hope I have given some testimony of it. I think that being exiled from it is a great evil and would redeem myself from it with the loss of a great deal of my blood. But when that country of mine, which used to be esteemed a paradise, is now like to be made a stage of injury; the liberty of which we hoped to establish, oppressed; luxury and lewdness set up in its height, instead of the piety, virtue, sobriety, and modesty which we hoped God by our hands would have introduced; the best of our country made prey to the worst…. What joy can I have in my own country in this condition? Whilst I live I will endeavor to preserve my liberty, or at least not consent to the destroying of it. I hope I shall die in the same principles in which I have lived and will live no longer than they preserve me…. To conclude, the tide is not to be diverted nor the oppressed delivered, but God in his time will have mercy on his people. He will save and defend them, and avenge the blood of those who, in their pride, think nothing is able to oppose them. Happy are those whom God shall make instruments of his justice in so blessed a work.

It is this spirit and this commitment to the cause of God and of liberty that guaranteed that Algernon Sidney would be removed from the reading list in American schools.

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Sidney's letters were praised for their eloquence and sentiment, and reflect his steadfast commitment to liberty and integrity.

That courageous commitment was never more evident than in an episode during his exile, when Sidney visited a university in Copenhagen and wrote the following motto in Latin in a guest book, a phrase boldly declaring his fearless resistance to tyranny: *Manus haec inimica tyrannis, ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem.*

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Autocrat: King Charles II, whose efforts to restore monarchical absolutism were challenged by Sidney, succeeded in having him arrested, tried, and executed for plotting against the king.

Translated into English, Sidney's inscription reads, "This hand, enemy to tyrants, by the sword seeks calm peacefulness under liberty."

Remarkably, the latter half of that inscription remains the state motto of the state of Massachusetts!

Sidney's refusal to return to England without compromising his values led him to spend many years on the Continent. He lived in various German cities and in Rome, where he faced financial difficulties and familial estrangement. Eventually, he found refuge in the villa of Belvedere near Frascati, Italy, where he devoted himself to study and solitude, finding peace in nature, reading, and reflection.

It was during this period that Sidney penned his book *Court Maxims*, a work that took aim at King Charles II and encouraged the Dutch to lend their support to the republican cause against him. *Court Maxims* comprises 15 dialogues featuring discussions between the republican character Eunomius and the royal courtier Philalethes. Within these dialogues, they delve into maxims promoting political absolutism, including statements such as "monarchy is the best form of government" and "monarchy ought to be absolute and hereditary."

Eunomius, represented by Sidney, fervently upheld the doctrine of a "higher law," a concept previously championed by Cicero. He steadfastly argued that if rulers were to undermine the well-being of their subjects, they should no longer be regarded as benevolent figures, such as fathers or shepherds — terms associated with

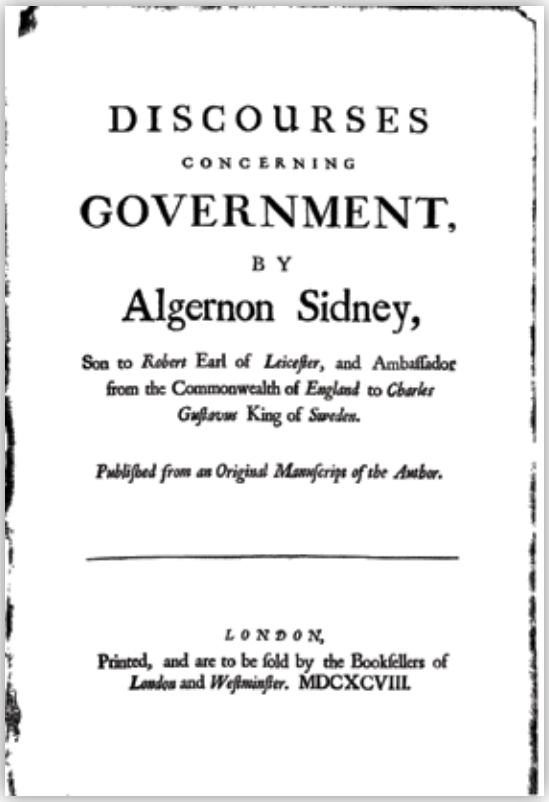
love and kindness — but rather as malevolent figures akin to thieves, wolves, and tyrants — the most hostile of adversaries. In the Ninth Dialogue, Sidney explains through the character Eunomius:

> The essence of the law consists solely in the justice of it: if it be not just, it is not law. The justice of it depends upon the end: if it conduces not to a good end, it cannot be just. Laws are made for the right regulating and preservation of societies, and to obviate offenses tending to the disturbance thereof. Those acts or decrees which tend not thereunto have no justice in them, nor in any respect deserve the name or power of laws. Instead of landmarks to warn and prevent dangers, they become snares to catch and destroy men unawares.

Is it any wonder in the age of "plandemics" that such plain and powerful prose would be kept from the American people? A people raised on such works, as our Founding Fathers were, would never fall for such "snares" as Covid-19 lockdowns and the economic fallout that followed them.

Despite enjoying this tranquil life, Sidney felt the need for a more active role. He left Italy, traveling through Switzerland to Brussels, but faced constant danger from royalist forces. His steadfastness to the parliamentary cause made him a target for assassination attempts, and his efforts to volunteer for military service in Hungary were thwarted by British intervention. This relentless persecution highlighted his unyielding commitment to his principles, making him a symbol of incorruptibility.

Even as Sidney's life neared its end, he faced continued challenges and opposition. He bravely attempted to run for Parliament in Guildford, Surrey, with the support of William Penn, but faced resistance and unfair practices that led to his defeat. After a dissolved Parliament and a new election, Sidney tried again for a seat this time in Bamber, Essex. Despite Penn's strong backing, the election ended ambiguously, and Sidney's candidacy was eventually dismissed.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Algernon Sidney,
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Magnum opus: Sidney's *Discourses Concerning Government*, though not as well known today as the writings of Locke or Montesquieu, was just as influential on the American Founding Fathers.

The hostility against Sidney persisted, with accusations linking him to various plots against the government, and even a baseless charge of riot involvement. Feeling unsafe in England, he planned to return to the Continent, and even bought a property in France under a friend's name.

However, his aspirations for a peaceful retirement went unfulfilled. In 1681, Sidney was involved in drafting a response to the "King's Declaration," criticizing Parliament's repeated dissolutions. This document, revised by Sir William Jones and Lord John Somers, was later published under the title "A Just and Modest Vindication of the Proceedings of the Two Last Parliaments." During this period, Sidney also completed his *Discourses Concerning Government*, a testament to his unwavering commitment to liberty.

As political tensions heightened with the prospect of a Catholic successor to the throne, Sidney and his allies, including the Duke of Monmouth, Earl Essex, and William Lord Russell, formed a secret council to oppose this succession. Though many council members faced tragic fates, their efforts laid the groundwork for the eventual Glorious Revolution of 1688.

Sidney's involvement in these political maneuvers led to his arrest in 1683. He was charged with high treason, and his trial was a notorious miscarriage of justice, led by the infamous Judge George Jeffreys. Despite a lack of concrete evidence and in violation of the requirements for prosecuting someone for treason, Sidney was found guilty largely based on his own writings about government and liberty, writings which were illegally seized and used by the government in its prosecution and persecution of him.

At one point in the trial, Jeffreys chastised Colonel Sidney, saying, "I pray God work in you a temper fit to go unto the other world, for I see you are not fit for this."

Sixty years old, cold, and emaciated from nearly half a year's imprisonment, Colonel Algernon Sidney pulled up the sleeve of his prisoner's tunic, exposing his arm to Jeffreys, and replied with dignity and defiance:

"My Lord, feel my pulse."

"I bless God, I never was in better temper, than I am now," he added.

After the miscarriage of justice and haughty display of judicial tyranny, Sidney was sentenced to execution by beheading. On the scaffold, his dignified and resolute demeanor was evident. There he offered a prayer, and, given the popular modern trend to identify everyone from the Enlightenment period as some sort of deist or closeted atheist, republishing a part of his final words is appropriate here, if for no other reason than to restore the affirmation of his Christianity and that of those who revered him so profoundly. Sidney said:

> The Lord sanctify these my sufferings unto me and though I fall as a sacrifice unto the idols, suffer not idolatry to be established in this land. Bless thy people and save them. Defend thy own cause, and those that defend it. Stir up such as are faint. Direct those that are willing. Confirm those that waver. Give wisdom and

> integrity unto all. Order all things so, as may most redound unto thine own glory. Grant that I may die glorifying Thee for all thy mercies, and that at the last thou hast permitted me to be singled out as a witness of thy truth, and even by the confession of my opposers, for that Old Cause, in which I was from my youth engaged, and for which thou hast often and wonderfully declared thyself.

Those are not the words of a deist. Those are the words not only of a Christian, but of a man with confidence before the throne of Christ that he had done that which pleased his Lord.

I invite you to re-read those words and see if Sidney's prayer is not in every syllable appropriate and applicable to the condition of the United States, their people and government, today, 340 years after being written.

The injustice of Sidney's trial and execution was not forgotten. Within a few years, the Glorious Revolution brought about significant changes in England's political landscape. William and Mary's ascension to the throne under a Declaration of Right, which echoed Sidney's ideals, marked a new era of liberty. One of their first acts was to annul Sidney's conviction, a posthumous acknowledgment of his enduring contribution to the cause of freedom.

Sidney's life, principles, discourses, and death had an even greater impact on the American War for Independence of 1775-1783 than on the Glorious Revolution of 1688. In fact, our revolution can be seen as the natural progression and culmination of what began in England. Of the impact of that influence on the written works produced by our Founding Fathers, Harvard University historian Bernard Bailyn stated, "Above all, they referred to the doctrines of Algernon Sidney."

Read that again: "Above all"!

It's in America, more than anywhere else, that Sidney's legacy truly resonates. Here, his cherished ideal of a republic is no longer just a dream but a tangible reality, offering its immense benefits to all within its reach. This makes his unwavering commitment to liberty, his belief in a republic, and his trust in the people's ability to govern themselves all the more relevant. Sidney's writings and example significantly guided and motivated the founding figures of our country, contributing in unmatched measure to the creation of the institutions we cherish today.

As historian Alan Craig Houston observed:

> To the colonists, the single most important fact about Sidney's life was the manner of his death. By his unselfish devotion to liberty, Sidney set a standard against which men repeatedly measured themselves; by his martyrdom, he graphically demonstrated the evils of unchecked power.
>
> Colonial Americans also read the *Discourses Concerning Government* with care and precision. They cited Sidney on a wide range of issues, from the corruption of men to the rule of law, and from the representative nature of government to the right of revolution.

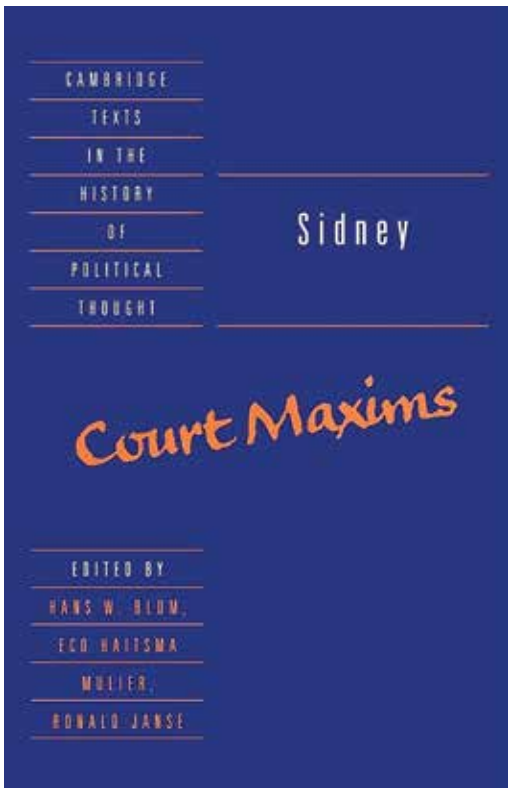
Coronation: The joint crowning of William and Mary at the end of the Glorious Revolution ushered in an era of limited government in England not seen since the Anglo-Saxon apogee. The crowning achievement was the signing by the new king and queen of the English Bill of Rights, which became a model for the American Bill of Rights a century later.

Sidney's martyrdom was the most powerful piece of evidence that could have been given to verify the truth of his writings. As the latter preached, so the former graphically demonstrated the consequence of permitting one man to enjoy arbitrary and unlimited power. Had Sidney not been a martyr, it is unlikely the *Discourses* would have been so widely read in 18th-century America; had he not written the *Discourses*, on the other hand, it is unlikely his death would have received the attention it did.

Sadly, after winning and securing their independence from England, Americans found increasingly less use for the revolutionary principles set forth in *Discourses Concerning Government*, and the book and its author were quickly erased from our cultural memory and from our history lessons.

Today, we find ourselves once again facing the abolition of our liberty by tyrants, so perhaps it's time we dust off that old worn copy of *Discourses* and start studying the words of Algernon Sidney once again. ■

Quotable Quotes From Algernon Sidney



Sidney on Why Tyranny Is So Destestable:

The last kind of despotical government is naturally, universally, and eternally unjust, detestable and abominable, that men naturally endowed with gifts, fit to govern themselves, and live for and unto God, their country, and themselves, should by fraud or violence be brought to live to and for another man equal to or worse than themselves, when they have no way forfeited the liberty to which they were born.

— *Court Maxims*, p. 128

Sidney on Tyranny as Peace:

This peace is in every wilderness: The Turks have established it in the empty provinces of Asia and Greece. Where there are no men, or if those men have no courage, there can be no war. Our ancestors the Britains observed, that the peace which in that age the Romans established in the provinces, consisted in the most wretched slavery and solitude: *Miserrimam servitutem pacem appellant*. And in another place, *solitudinem faciunt, pacem vocant*.

This is the peace the Spaniards settled in their dominions of the West Indies, by the destruction of forty millions of souls.

The countries were very quiet, when wild beasts only were left to fight in them, or a few miserable wretches, who had neither strength nor courage to resist their violence.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 2, Section 15

Sidney on the Duty of the Creature to the Creator:

The creature having nothing, and being nothing but what the creator makes him, must owe all to him.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 3, Section 33

Sidney on When Sedition Is Good:

If it be said that the word sedition implies that which is evil; I answer, that it ought not then to be applied to those who seek nothing but that which is just; and tho the ways of delivering an oppressed people from the violence of a wicked magistrate, who having armed a crew of lewd villains, and fatted them with the blood and confiscations of such as were most ready to oppose him, be extraordinary, the inward righteousness of the act doth fully justify the authors. He that has virtue and power to save a people, can never want a right of doing it. Valerius Asiaticus had no hand in the death of Caligula; but when the furious guards began tumultuously to enquire who had kill'd him, he appeased them with wishing he had been the man.

No wise man ever asked by what authority Thrasybulus, Harmodius, Aristogiton, Pelopidas, Epaminondas, Dion, Timoleon, Lucius Brutus, Publicola, Horatius, Valerius, Marcus Brutus, C. Cassius, and the like, delivered their countries from tyrants. Their actions carried in themselves their own justification, and their virtues will never be forgotten whilst the names of Greece and Rome are remembered in the world.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 2, Section 24

Sidney on the Relationship of Virtue and Liberty:

The secret counsels of God are impenetrable; but the ways by which he accomplishes his designs are often evident: When he intends to exalt a people, he fills both them and their leaders with the virtues suitable to the accomplishment of his end; and takes away all wisdom and virtue from those he resolves to destroy.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 2, Section 12

Sidney on People as Ultimate Sovereigns Who Can Take Power Back From Magistrates, and the Purpose of Government:

The only ends for which governments are constituted, and obedience render'd to them, are the obtaining of justice and protection; and they who cannot provide for both, give the people a right of taking such ways as best please themselves, in order to their own safety.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 2, Section 33

Sidney on Liberty Being Natural and How the People Limit the Powers of Their Political Servants:

If any man ask how nations come to have the power of doing these things, I answer, that liberty being only an exemption from the dominion of another, the question ought not to be, how a nation can come to be free, but how a man comes to have a dominion over it; for till the right of dominion be proved and justified, liberty subsists as arising from the nature and being of a man. Tertullian speaking of the emperors says, *ab*

eo imperium a quo spiritus; and we taking man in his first condition may justly say, *ab eo libertas a quo spiritus*; for no man can owe more than he has received. The creature having nothing, and being nothing but what the creator makes him, must owe all to him, and nothing to anyone from whom he has received nothing. Man therefore must be naturally free, unless he be created by another power than we have yet heard of.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 2, Section 33

Sidney on the True Meaning of "Safety" in a Free Society:

Besides, if the safety of the people be the supreme law, and this safety extend to, and consist in the preservation of their liberties, goods, lands and lives, that law must necessarily be the root and beginning, as well as the end and limit of all magistratical power, and all laws must be subservient and subordinate to it. The question will not then be what pleases the king, but what is good for the people; not what conduces to his profit or glory, but what best secures the liberties he is bound to preserve: he does not therefore reign for himself, but for the people; he is not the master, but the servant of the commonwealth.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 2, Section 16

Sidney on How Absurd It Is to Believe That a Tyrant Must Be Obeyed:

If Julius and Octavius Caesar did successively become lords and fathers of their country, by slaughtering almost all the senate, and such persons as were eminent for nobility or virtue, together with the major part of the people, it cannot be denied, that a thief, who breaks into his neighbour's house, and kills him, is justly master of his estate; and may exact the same obedience from his children, that they render to their father.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 1, Section 16

Sidney on Why Men Separate From One Society and Form Another:

For the choice of that society, and the liberty of framing it according to our own wills, for our own good, is all we seek.

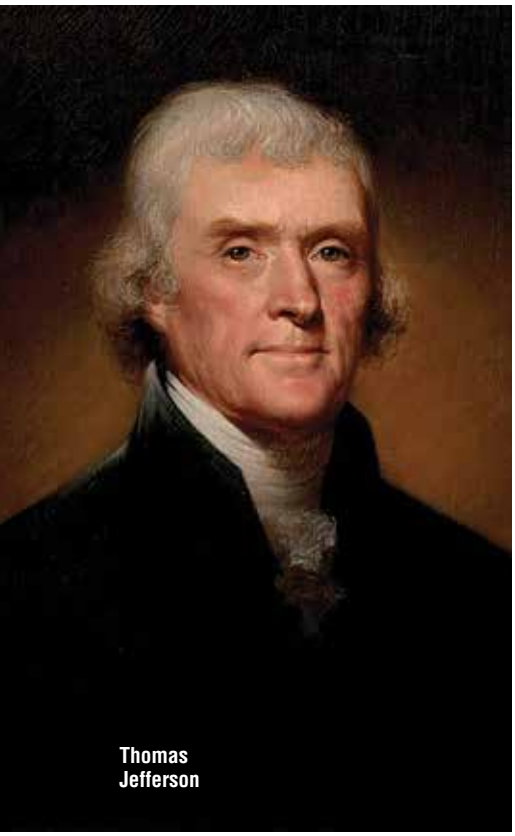
— *Discourses*, Chapter 1, Section 10

Sidney on When the "Law" Should Be Disobeyed:

That which is not just, is not Law; and that which is not Law, ought not to be obeyed.

— *Discourses*, Chapter 3, Section 11

Praise for Algernon Sidney From the Founding Era



Thomas Jefferson

The world has so long and so generally sounded the praises of his *Discourses on Government*, that it seems superfluous, and even presumptuous, for an individual to add his feeble breath to the gale. They are in truth a rich treasure of republican principles, supported by copious & cogent arguments, and adorned with the finest flowers of science. It is probably the best elementary book of the principles of government, as founded in natural right which has ever been published in any language: and it is much to be desired in such a government as ours that it should be put into the hands of our youth as soon as their minds are sufficiently matured for that branch of study.

— Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Parson Weems, December 13, 1804

Algernon Sidney fills this Tomb,
An Atheist for disdaining Rome
A Rebel bold for striving still
To keep the Laws above the Will
Of Heaven he sure must needs despair
If holy Pope be turnkey there
And Hell him ne'er will entertain
For there is all Tyrannick Reign
Where goes he then? Where he ought to go.
Where Pope, nor Devil have to do.

— John Adams, Epitaph for Sidney's Tomb, found in Adams' diary, entry sometime between September 22 and October 5, 1772

I give to my son, when he shall arrive to the age of fifteen years, Algernon Sidney's Works, John Locke's Works, Lord Bacon's Works, Gordon's Tacitus, and Cato's Letters. May the spirit of liberty rest upon him!

— Last Will and Testament of Josiah Quincy, Jr., February 28, 1774

The English language might be taught by grammar, in which some of our best writers as Tillotson, Addison, Pope, Algernon Sidney, Cato's Letters, etc. should be classics, the styles principally to be cultivated being the clear and the concise.

— Benjamin Franklin, "Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth in Pennsylvania," 1749

Benjamin Franklin

John Adams

The want of gratitude in mankind, their little attention to their true interest, and the consequent fate of many of their friends, are really disagreeable reflections, but if Brutus, and Cassius, Hampden, Sidney, Harrington &c. had lived in inglorious ease, they might have died in a few months after in languishing, and painful sickness without fame without the applause of the virtuous of all ages. I have strong faith that the now rough and perilous paths of politicks will soon be smoothed and that our sons may walk in them without danger, especially if we submit the instruction of them to friends who will certainly form them to virtue and establish that integrity that will secure them at least good consciences.

— Mercy Otis Warren, Letter to John Adams, June 14, 1744

All men by nature are equal; that kings are but the ministers of the people; that their authority is delegated to them by the people for their good, and they have a right to resume it, and place it in other hands, or keep it themselves, whenever it is made use of to oppress them. Doubtless there have been instances, when these principles have been inculcated to obtain a redress of real grievances, but they have been much oftener perverted to the worst of purposes. These are what are called revolution-principles. They are the principles of Aristotle and Plato, of Livy and Cicero, of Sidney, Harrington and Locke.— The principles of nature and eternal reason.

— John Adams, January 23, 1775

All its [the Declaration of Independence] authority rests then on the harmonising sentiments of the day, whether expressed, in conversations in letters, printed essays or in the elementary books of public right, as Aristotle, Cicero, Locke, Sidney Etc.

— Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Henry Lee, 8 May 1825

On the 7th of this Month [December], 1683, was the honorable Algernon Sidney, Esq. beheaded, charged with a pretended plot, but whose chief crime was the writing an excellent book, entitled, Discourses on Government. A man of admirable parts and great integrity.

— Benjamin Franklin, "Poor Richard Improved," December 1750

I have lately undertaken to read Algernon Sidney on Government. There is a great difference in reading a book at four and twenty, and at eighty-eight, as often as I have read it; and fumbled it over; it now excites fresh admiration, that this work has excited so little interest in the literary world—As splendid an Edition of it, as the art of printing can produce, as well as for the intrinsic merit of the work, as for the proof it brings of the bitter sufferings of the advocates of Liberty from that time to this, and to show the slow progress of Moral philosophical political Illumination in the world ought to be now published in America.

— John Adams, Letter to Thomas Jefferson, September 18, 1823

For myself, I can hardly consider the name of Algernon Sidney as anything other than an American name — American in all its associations, and American in all its influences — and not unworthy to be held up with the proudest and loftiest names of our own land, to the contemplation and admiration of every son and every daughter of our beloved Union.

— Robert C. Winthrop, "Algernon Sidney: A Lecture delivered before the Boston Mercantile Library Association," December 21, 1853

Shall crimes and tyrants cease but with the world?
What! are thy triumphs, sacred Truth, belied?
Why then hath Plato lived — or Sidney died?

— Thomas Campbell (1777-1844) "The Pleasures of Hope" (Excerpt)

British Cassius, fearless bled;
Of high determin'd spirit, roughly brave,
By antient learning to th' enlightened love
Of antient freedom warm'd.

— John Thomson, "Freedom," 1791

Ense Petit Placidam Sub Libertate Quietem.

— The state motto of Massachusetts, taken from a longer inscription left by Colonel Sidney in a guest book at Copenhagen University (*Manus haec inimica tyrannis, ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem.*) ■

New ATF Rule Might Ban Private Gun Sales

The *New York Post* reported on January 31 about a new threat from the Biden administration that has the potential to ban the private sale of handguns. Those are the claims emanating from the nonprofit watchdog Empower Oversight, which, according to its website, is focused on "oversight of government and corporate wrongdoing."

Empower Oversight president Tristan Leavitt posted a series of messages on X about a proposed rule from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that might require background checks on almost all gun sales. Leavitt informed his followers that, based on information from "whistleblowers within ATF that at the direction of the White House, ATF has drafted a 1,300-page document to justify a rule effectively banning the private sale of firearms…. Such a sweeping rule with the effect of banning private sales would clearly violate the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, which declares that 'the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.'"

Gun-rights advocates are not taking this lying down, and Empower Oversight has already sent a Freedom of Information Act request to both the Justice Department and the ATF to obtain any information about the plan, including any communications between the White House and the ATF. Background checks are already mandated for sales by federally licensed firearms dealers, but the concern over this rule is how it might broaden who would be considered a firearms seller. Historically, the federal background-check requirement has applied only to firearms sellers who had "the principal objective of livelihood and profit," but it is possible that the proposed rule will apply the requirement to gun transfers within a family, as well, which previously were excluded. If the regulation is adopted, it would most likely not survive challenges before the Supreme Court, whose current makeup has issued rulings favorable to the Second Amendment.

Domestic Disturbance Turned Deadly

NEAReport.com reported about a tragic story that began on February 11 in Monette, Arkansas. Steven Hunter Allen, known to his friends as "Hunter," and his wife, Ryann Allen, attended a Super Bowl party with their children, and Hunter consumed multiple shots of "moonshine" and became very intoxicated. The couple left the party with their young children to return home, but after Hunter missed an exit on the ride home, Ryann told him he was too drunk to drive, which started an argument.

When they finally made it home, surveillance video captured the argument escalating. Hunter grabbed Ryann by her neck and shoved her to the ground in the driveway while he was holding their youngest child in his arms. Ryann told investigators that the two continued fighting in the house. She said she struck Hunter in the face multiple times, and Hunter shoved her again, which caused a laceration on her head.

Hunter left the home while still intoxicated and went to his mother's house armed with a handgun, reportedly making suicidal statements. Ryann took the children to her mother's house, and her brothers soon arrived to assist her with the situation. One of the brothers who came to her aid was Brett Williams, a police officer with the nearby Trumann Police Department who was off duty at the time.

Hunter's sister texted Ryann to encourage her to contact Hunter because she was worried about him being in a drunken, suicidal state while armed. After Ryann and Hunter exchanged some texts, Ryann and Brett drove to Hunter's mother's house to try to peacefully resolve the situation. When they arrived there, Ryann took Hunter's gun from him and Brett unloaded it.

The situation seemed as if it had calmed down, but then Hunter suddenly struck Ryann in the face. Brett began trying to physically restrain Hunter and place him in handcuffs, but Hunter fought back, threw Brett out of the house, and locked the door. Hunter was now in the home with only his mother and Ryann. Brett called 911 to report the incident and Hunter exited the home and began fighting with Brett. Hunter repeatedly threw a steel chair and porch swing at Brett while making the violent threat "you better shoot me or I'm going to kill you!" At this point, Brett fired two shots from his handgun, which hit Hunter in the chest, fatally wounding him. Responding officers soon arrived on the scene and Brett cooperated with authorities.

After a thorough investigation, NEAReport.com reported on February 21, the local prosecutor, Sonia F. Hagood, sent a letter to the Craighead County Sheriff's Office explaining that Brett Williams would not be charged in the shooting death of Hunter Allen because his actions were justified in accordance with state law. "After careful review of your file, it appears the shooting was justified pursuant to A.C.A 5-2-607 Use of Deadly Physical Force in Defense of a Person. Evidence supports that Mr. Williams was lawfully present at the residence. Video evidence shows that Mr. Williams was attacked by Mr. Allen and made several attempts to subdue and calm Mr. Allen down. Mr. Williams attempted to retreat on at least two occasions and Mr. Allen continued the confrontation by physically fighting him and throwing an iron chair at him on at least two occasions. The witness statements also support that before Mr. Allen threw the iron chair at Mr. Williams for a third time, he stated 'you better shoot me or I'm going to kill you.' It was not until this point in the confrontation that Mr. Williams discharged his firearm and shot Mr. Allen two times in the chest. Based on these facts, among others in your file, Mr. Williams was reasonable in his belief that his life, and others at the residence, were in danger of serious physical harm or death when he fired his weapon," Hagood wrote in her letter. ■

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THE REVIEW

Dems Open Back Door for Millions of Illegals

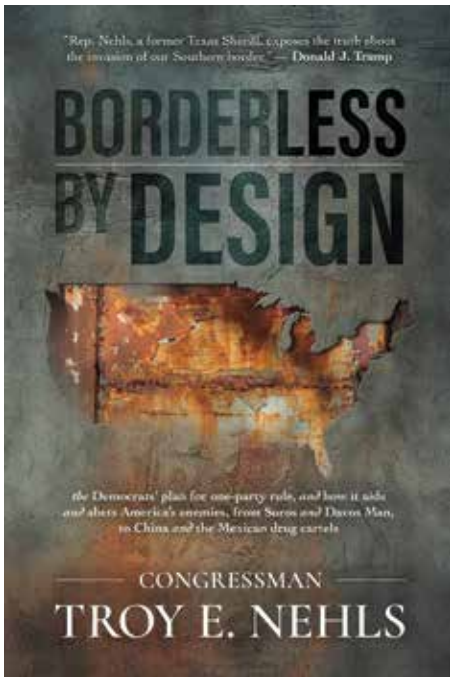
by William P. Hoar

***Borderless by Design: The Democrats' Plan for One-party Rule, and How It Aids and Abets America's Enemies, From Soros and Davos Man, to China and the Mexican Drug Cartels*,** by Troy E. Nehls, New York: Bombardier Books, 2024, 334 pages, hardcover.

Houston, we have a problem — and it affects more than Houston or Eagle Pass, Texas, or other border areas. It is a challenge that concerns the whole nation. The spotlight here is on the huge influx of illegal aliens pouring across America's frontier. It's so serious that the mainstream media, always genteel and so mannerly, have now dug up a new euphemism for those crossing; it seems we have quite a few "unauthorized migrants."

Some might call that polite, but we'll go with more precise terms, such as illegal.

Still, we do recall when the president addressed the problem more directly (though some thought he didn't go far enough). As he put it:



> Americans, not only in the States most heavily affected, but in every place in this country, are rightly disturbed by the numbers of illegal aliens entering our country. The jobs they hold might otherwise be held by citizens or legal immigrants. The public services they use impose burdens on our taxpayers.

Yes, that was the president of the United States. And, no, it was not Donald Trump. The chief executive did say that was why his administration had "moved aggressively to secure our borders more by hiring a record number of new border guards, by deporting twice as many criminal aliens as ever before, by cracking down on illegal hiring, by banning welfare benefits to illegal aliens."

The president went on to tell the nation that he would do more to speed the deportation of illegal aliens who are arrested for crimes and to better identify illegal aliens in the workplace. Here's another clue about the identity of the speaker: This was a "liberal" *Democratic* president. He went on:

> We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws we have seen in recent years, and we must do more to stop it.

For the record (and you may want to clip this just in case an Orwellian memory hole threatens to swallow it), these remarks were made by President William Jefferson Clinton during his State of the Union address in 1995. Was he stoned? I mean, literally stoned by an angry mob furious about his use of what some now call "hate speech"? *Au contraire!* "Slick" Willie was reelected the following year.

On the other hand, we now have a decidedly unslick Democratic president run-

ning for reelection who has just watched while 2.5 million alien immigrants crossed the southwest border in 2023, according to the Department of Homeland Security. That is, as even *The New York Times* has observed, more than live in most U.S. cities. The author of the book under review notes how the current administration has responded to a 770-percent increase in "gotaways" over Trump's 2020 figure: It cut the number of blimps used to surveil the border from 12 to four. "Out of sight, out of mind," comments Representative Troy Nehls (R-Texas).

Making matters worse, this crisis, growing steadily, is not an accident. This wrongdoing is transpiring on purpose, intentionally — by design, as in the book's title.

Opening the Floodgates for Political Power

Following the 2020 election, would-be border-jumpers could see what was going to happen after Inauguration Day. The surge grew dramatically in Latin America. As a result, the invaders didn't even have to jump when the doors were essentially thrown open, as described in detail in *Borderless by Design: The Democrats' Plan for One-party Rule, and How It Aids and Abets America's Enemies, From Soros and Davos Man, to China and the Mexican Drug Cartels* by the aforementioned Troy Nehls.

Nehls served from 2012 to 2020 as sheriff of Fort Bend County, Texas, where his agency had a working relationship with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). He now represents the 22nd Congressional District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. When asked what prompted him to run for office, Nehls' response was direct: "Our southern border." He is also the author of *The Big Fraud* (2022), describing the 2020 election, a book mentioned often in the book under review.

The new administration's open-border transgressions kicked in on day one, when work was stopped on the wall. Biden also eliminated, with a "stroke of his pen," most of the related headway made under the Trump administration. This included a major executive order that signaled "to illegals that the immigration laws wouldn't be enforced, that they wouldn't be deported," that sanctuary cities "would be free to defy and obstruct federal ICE agents," and that attention would cease "to focus on criminal acts committed by illegals."

The results were predictable. And dire.

According to numbers collated by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), a total of 5.5 million illegal aliens crossed our borders by the end of 2022, during just half of Biden's term. Then — regrettably, it's hard to keep up with the figures — by the middle of 2023, writes Nehls, the total number of illegals under Biden "that had crossed our border reached over 7.5 million, well over five million being single adult males."

As it happens, the Clinton address excerpted above was used as a prop by Nehls when the House Judiciary Committee had Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on the hot seat during a hearing in July of 2023. One wishes that it had received the mass media coverage it deserved. Here's Nehls on the targeted viewer:

Troy E. Nehls

United States Congress

> I could see that made him more than a bit uncomfortable since it was clear that the Biden administration was doing everything it could (most of it unconstitutional and illegal) to destroy what Clinton rightly set out *then* as a sane immigration policy. I even pointed out the obvious: Clinton's words in 1995, embraced by Democrats back then, were almost identical to Trump's words now. [Emphasis in original.]

The Homeland Security leader has since been impeached, though one doubts that Mayorkas feels any remorse about his actions. More likely the opposite: The secretary appears to be one of those folks so proud of himself that he can strut sitting down.

Swamping the System

Here's the short version of the Democrats' border scheme, as truncated by the author: overrun, overwhelm, and overcome:

> Overrun the border with an unprecedented number of illegals from as many countries as possible. Overwhelm our border control and immigration agencies so they can't possibly monitor or control the flood of immigrants. Overcome all laws and objections by changing or ignoring the laws and demonizing those who object as racist and xenophobic, and swamping the US with so many illegals so quickly that their deportation is impossible.

At this point, dishearteningly, the scheme is going according to plan.

Despite the chaos, some Biden apologists are still trying to protect him on this subject (with AP, for example, pointing to his supposedly recent "rightward shift on immigration"). Few are buying that, having seen Biden in action for years. It's hard to run a credible campaign as if we were all trapped in a Marx Brothers movie, with a candidate croaking,

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"Are you going to believe me — or your lying eyes?" Most see through that.

Even the establishment's "newspaper of record," *The New York Times*, has admitted how brazen this is — in a front-page piece on January 1 ("One Big Reason Migrants Are Coming in Droves: They Believe They Can Stay") — pointing out:

> In December alone, more than 300,000 people crossed the southern border, a record number.
>
> It is not just because they believe they will be able to make it across the 2,000-mile southern frontier. They are also certain that once they make it to the United States they will be able to stay.
>
> Forever.

"And," continued the *Times*, "by and large, they are not wrong."

That is not too different from numerous points made by Representative Nehls. Repeatedly.

Dark Forces

It should be a truism that you can tell a man by his enemies as well as by his friends. There's a major part of *Borderless by Design* that deals with our enemies — those who wish ill on the United States. To be sure, these are supposedly altruists who don't concede their offenses. The facts, amassed in the book and abridged here, say otherwise.

The book contains several historical reviews, and we also watch various states turning from blue to red. In addition, Nehls summarizes other concerns, each of these with its own chapter (as reflected in the book's subtitle). They range from George Soros (and his network) and "Davos Man" (and the World Economic Forum) to Communist China and the Mexican drug cartels (both with grim fentanyl repercussions).

What they have in common, as the author puts it, is the fact that their main aim is "to cause the damage" in question. These are not, he writes, "political devotees of the Democrat Party as such, although they may share some of the same Progressive agenda. It's just that the Democrat Party has proven to be the most useful political party for their goal of crippling America." Make no mistake: There is plenty of partisan proselytization in these pages.

There's geopolitics as well. This includes an extensive examination of the fentanyl assault on our population — employing a drug at least 50 times more potent than heroin and a hundred times stronger than morphine — with the culpable actions of Mexican and Chinese governments being dissected.

Borderless by Design is well documented. Both researchers and general readers appreciate knowing the sources upon which verbal indictments lean, and the footnoting (at the bottom of pages) does help in that regard. There is no index. Longtime readers have seen some of the key books referred to and/or quoted in previous reviews in these pages. Those include Peter Schweizer's *Red-Handed* and Todd Bensman's *Overrun*. We're less partial to one of the major sources in a chapter on immigration from Mexico, the work of a historian named Mae Ngai. Her background is more than professorial. Nehls' brief aside that some "conservatives might wince at Ngai's semi-Marxist vocabulary" at one spot is an understatement, considering the unmentioned fact that she was a Central Committee member of the League of Revolutionary Struggle. Her radicalism doesn't appear to have changed much.

The coverage in *Borderless* goes well beyond the numbers of people walking over the borders. There is, for example, an analysis of the Soros network's efforts. This includes financial backing of radical district attorneys who will push "social justice," as well as its war against borders. Directly and indirectly, as Nehls notes, "Soros spent at least *a half a billion dollars* to influence American politics" through donations since 2020. (Emphasis in original.) For scale, also consider that the Open Society Foundations (now run by son Alex Soros) has a total worth "greater than the individual GDPs of about half the world's countries."

There is also a good deal about what has been called China's Reverse Opium War. (Here's a hint for the publishers if there's a second edition: This isn't a new tactic for Beijing. Dig up and incorporate history from the 1973 book by A.H. Stanton Candlin, whose title is blunt: *Psycho-Chemical Warfare: The Chinese Communist Drug Offensive Against the West*.) Nehls does have revealing coverage of the drug dealing between China and Mexico. And *Borderless by Design* does not ignore the first family's significant Chinese dealings. That's certainly consequential.

Meanwhile, according to a recent NPR/PBS Newshour/Marist poll, only 29 percent of respondents say they approve of how Biden is handling immigration. That is the same Biden, recall, whose immigration policies have stressed, right from the beginning, deliberately undoing everything positive done by his predecessor.

So, what is Biden's latest response? Here's the supposed remedy for immigration-related ills, assisted by Biden's brain trust, which just handed him a two-word cure-all: Blame Trump. ■

TAKING ACTION

Following in the Footsteps of the Founding Fathers

by William S. Hahn,
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In today's well-connected, social-media-driven society, we are constantly hearing about the latest government usurpation or the next thing that will doom society. We hear pundits' dire warnings that the United States will collapse within the next several months due to this thing or that thing, or that America will be destroyed in a nuclear war, or that we're only so many seconds before midnight on the doomsday clock.

In response to this much negative news, there are two possible outcomes: motivation or frustration. News not accompanied by solutions will lead to frustration and take people out of the fight, while solutions-based news will motivate citizens to take action.

What you consume affects your outlook. Recall the old computer programming concept of GIGO (garbage in, garbage out). What you put in, you get out. The more negative news you consume, the more frustrated you will become. Saturate your brain with solutions-based news and information, and you have less room for frustration.

The Founding Fathers motivated the citizenry by drawing attention to their shared grievances and then educating them on self-government and independence. Independence was to come at a price, but the future of many generations to follow depended upon people paying that price. The Founders' study of history helped them to strike the proper balance between government and liberty. Our role is no less important.

Readers of this magazine are treated to the truth about the problems we are facing today, as well as the appropriate solutions to those problems. The parent organization of *The New American*, The John Birch Society, follows the methods of the Founding Fathers to educate the citizenry.

Believe it or not, the act of educating is relatively easy. As the old saying goes, the best way to learn something is to teach it. Want to right the Republic? Teach others how to do it. Here's how you can start:

1. *Educate yourself:* Learn the basic principles the Founding Fathers used in establishing the United States, including the proper role of government, how to keep elected officials accountable, and the responsibilities of the citizenry. Videos are a great learning tool. Watch *Overview of America* (https://jbs.org/video/featured/overview-of-america/), the six-video set *The Constitution Is the Solution* (https://jbs.org/constitution/video/), and the seven-video set *The Bill of Rights* (https://jbs.org/constitution/bill-of-rights/). These videos will enable you to quickly acquire a working knowledge of American politics and government.

Overview of America

The Constitution Is the Solution

The Bill of Rights

2. *Educate others:* Use your knowledge to reach out to others and help inform them. Use the aforementioned free video resources along with inexpensive literature to help others get up to speed. The *Back to Basics* and *Help Keep America What It Was Intended to Be* pamphlets are among the best and most popular: https://shopjbs.org/jbs/popular/

3. *Take action:* Organize locally with others to strategically educate the electorate in your area. The Founding Fathers organized local Committees of Correspondence to effectively disseminate educational literature. The John Birch Society follows this pattern by organizing local grassroots chapters throughout all 50 states. If there isn't one in your community, we'll show you how to get one started.

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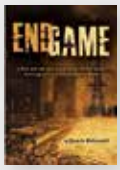

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